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THEY COME"
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PAST"
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AT THIS GAME"
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IT'S ALL
STILL HERE!
NOW I'VE GOT
A SURPRISE
FOR YOU!

HA! HA! AND
I'VE GOT A
LITTLE SURPRISE
FOR YOU,
TOO!

LET'S GIVE
THEM
BOTH A
SURPRISE!

CHARLES
BIRO

IF YOU CAN WIN A BATTLE
SINGLE-HANDED YOU CAN
ALSO LOSE ONE, SEE ROCKY
CHANGE SOME DESTINY!

READ
INSIDE

THOSE BANDITS
MUST BE NUTS!

HOLD IT! THAT GUY
FALLING LOOKS LIKE
ROCKY IN
DISGUISE!





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NOW

JIM NORMAN

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2

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AFTER R. HIRSCH BEFORE

NOW - YOU MAIL COUPON and GET ALL 5 COURSES

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of

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which also tells how to

WIN TROPHY

and \$100!

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What a Pitiful lot of SKINNY WRECKS like YOU We were BEFORE We mailed coupon! Yes, PAL - NOW

YOU MAIL THE COUPON BELOW

and Get a NEW HE-MAN BODY for Your OLD SKELETON FRAME!

YOU CAN WIN \$100.00

AND A BIG 15" TALL SILVER CUP

LIKE WE DID!



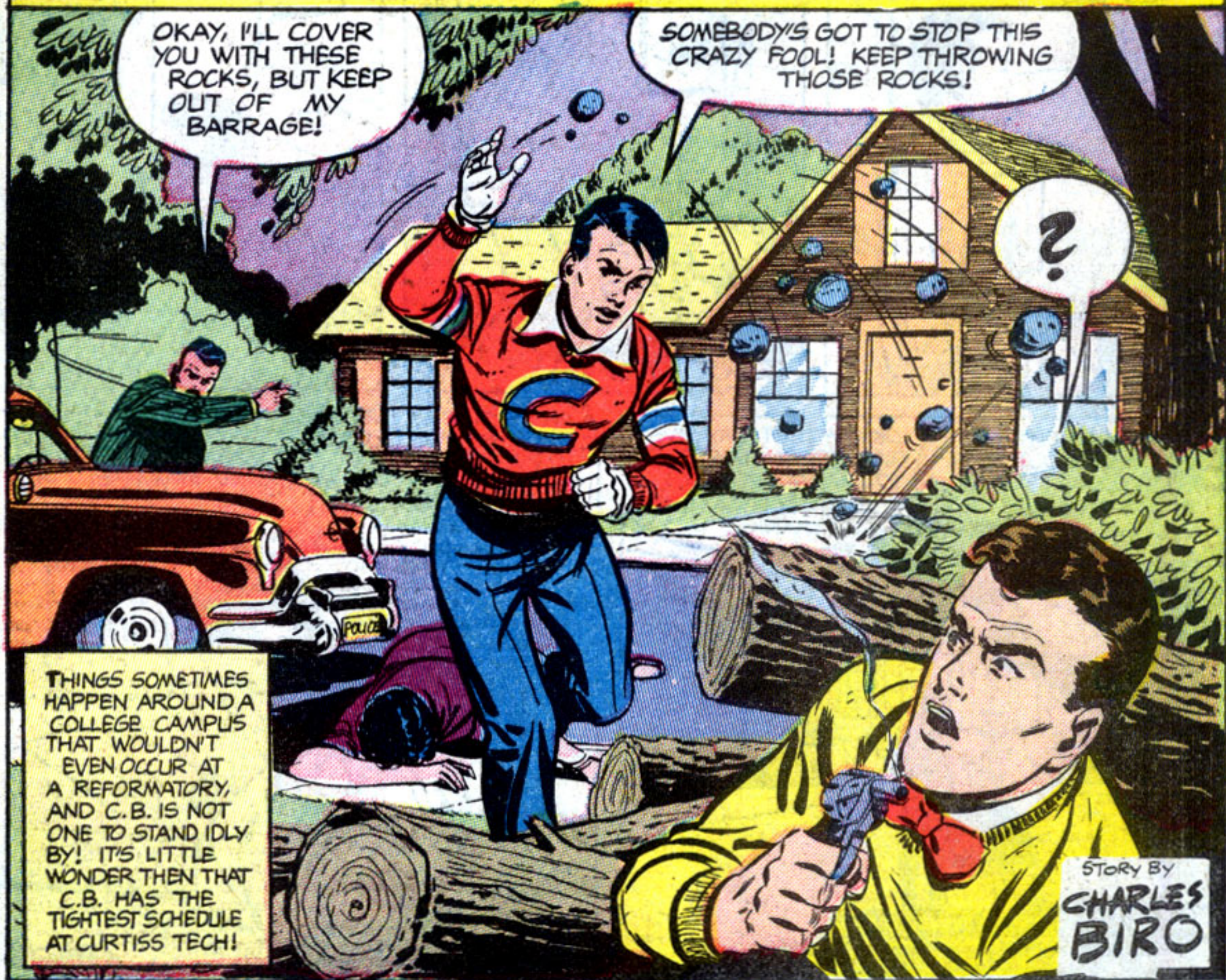
NO! Friend you don't have to be SKINNY, WEAK or FLABBY any more - just mail the FREE coupon below as I did! But DO IT NOW - This may be YOUR LAST CHANCE!

MAIL COUPON IN TIME FOR FREE OFFER AND PRIZES!

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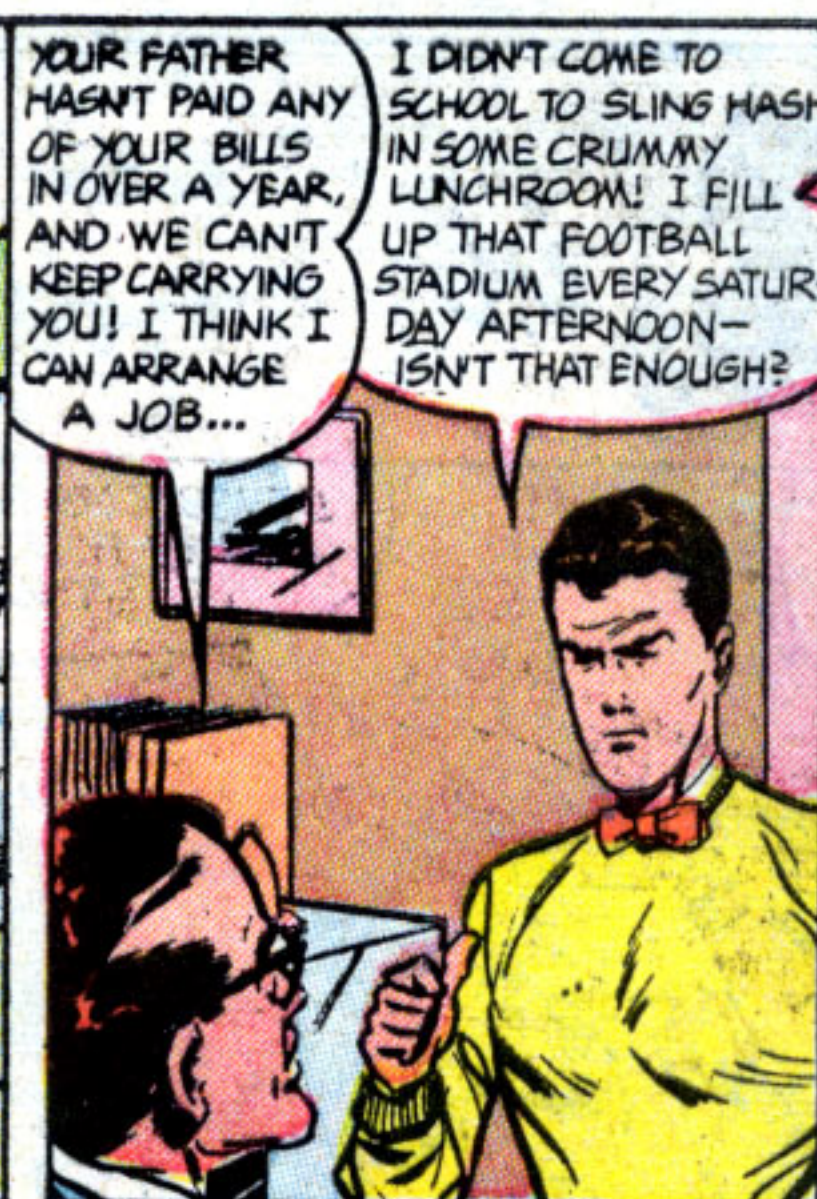
"AS BAD AS THEY COME"





I'M AFRAID IT'S BAD NEWS, JOHNNY! I HATE TO DO THIS... YOU'RE A GOOD STUDENT AND ONE OF THE BEST ATHLETES THAT EVER CAME TO CURTISS, BUT...

SKIP THE LECTURE **BANNISTER!** WHAT IS IT?



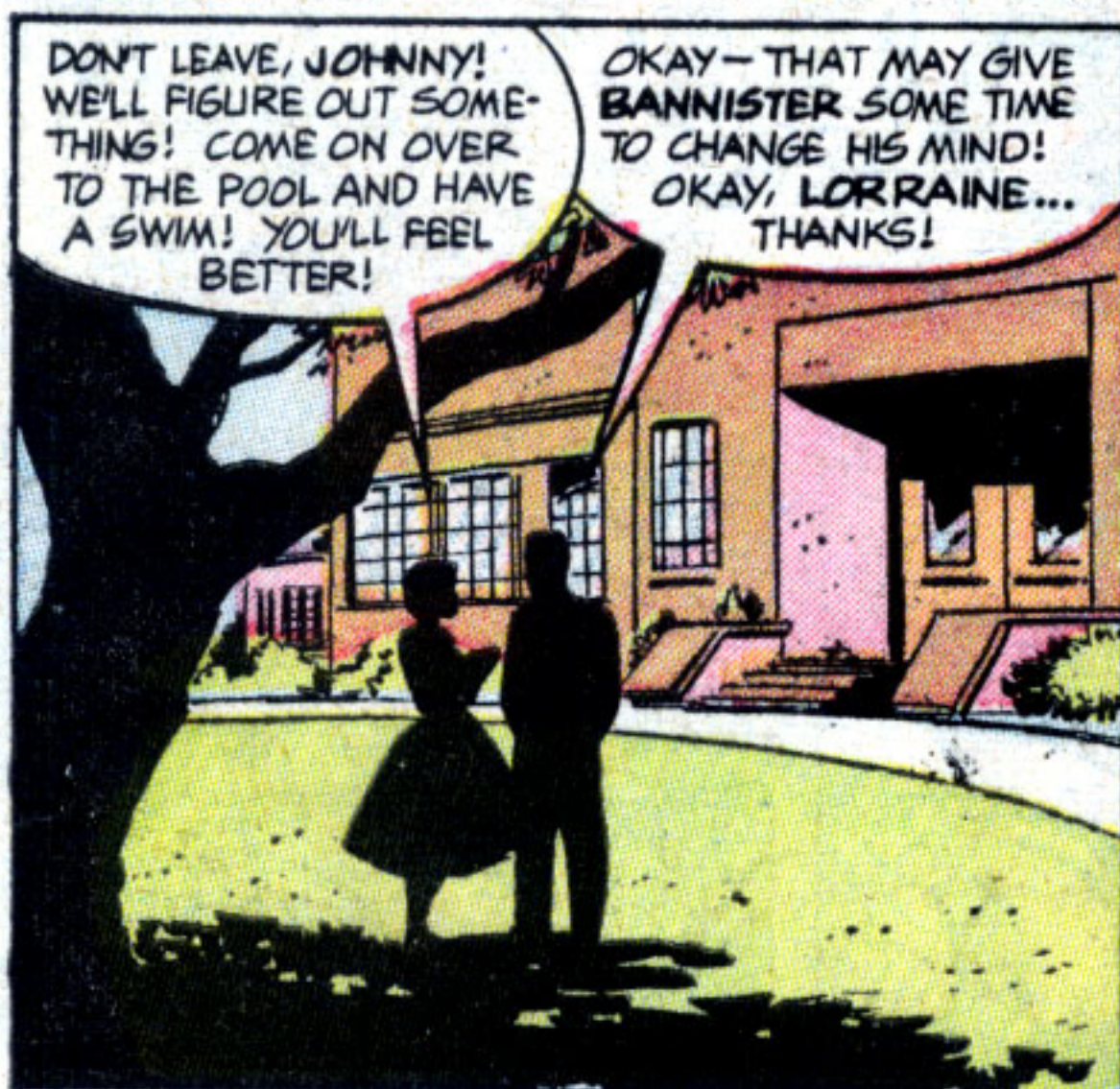
YOUR FATHER HASN'T PAID ANY OF YOUR BILLS IN OVER A YEAR, AND WE CAN'T KEEP CARRYING YOU! I THINK I CAN ARRANGE A JOB...

I DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL TO SLING HASH IN SOME CRUMMY LUNCHROOM! I FILL UP THAT FOOTBALL STADIUM EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON— ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?



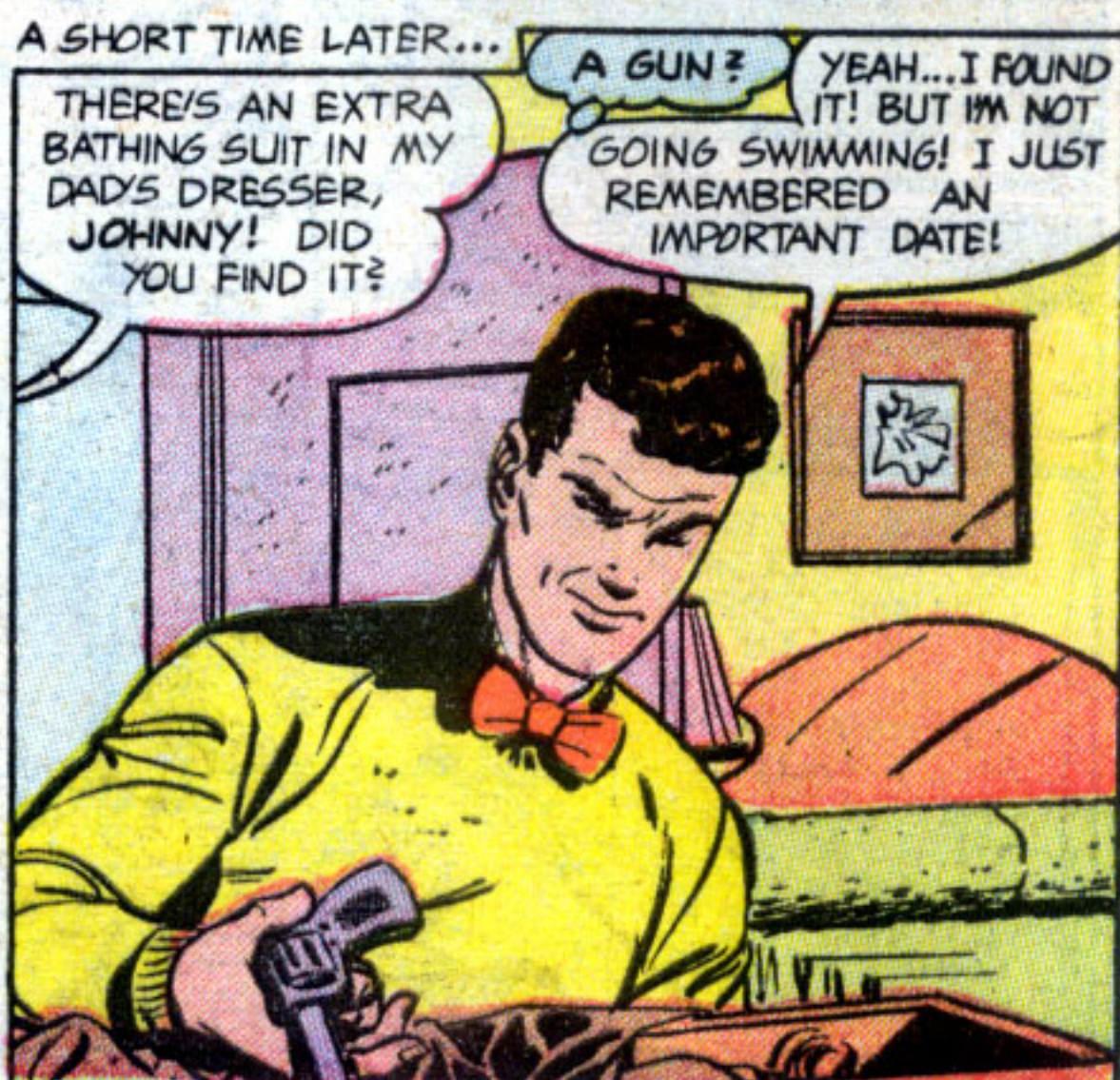
WE DON'T SUBSIDIZE ATHLETES AT THIS SCHOOL, YOU KNOW THAT! I'M AS SORRY AS YOU ARE ABOUT THIS BUT...

I DON'T WANT YOUR SYMPATHY! IF THIS SCHOOL WON'T PAY FOR A GOOD ATHLETE, I'LL FIND ANOTHER THAT WILL! THINK IT OVER!



DON'T LEAVE, JOHNNY! WE'LL FIGURE OUT SOMETHING! COME ON OVER TO THE POOL AND HAVE A SWIM! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!

OKAY— THAT MAY GIVE **BANNISTER** SOME TIME TO CHANGE HIS MIND! OKAY, **LORRAINE**... THANKS!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

THERE'S AN EXTRA BATHING SUIT IN MY DAD'S DRESSER, JOHNNY! DID YOU FIND IT?

A GUN? YEAH... I FOUND IT! BUT I'M NOT GOING SWIMMING! I JUST REMEMBERED AN IMPORTANT DATE!



MEANWHILE...

BANNISTER! BY GOLLY! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU... YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OVER IN MONTHS!

I KNOW... I'VE BEEN PRETTY BUSY AT SCHOOL! HEY, YOU'RE GETTING FAT, **STAN**! I GUESS YOU'RE EATING BETTER THAN THOSE DAYS ON CORREGIDOR!



FOR GOSH SAKE, **BANNISTER**— MY NAME'S **MITCHEL DECKER** NOW! SOMEBODY'S LIABLE TO HEAR YOU!

I'M SORRY... IT'S HARD FOR ME TO REMEMBER... **STA... MIKE!**



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS! I LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR THAT SOMEBODY WILL FIND OUT ABOUT MY PAST!

I UNDERSTAND! I WENT THROUGH A SIMILAR THING, REMEMBER?



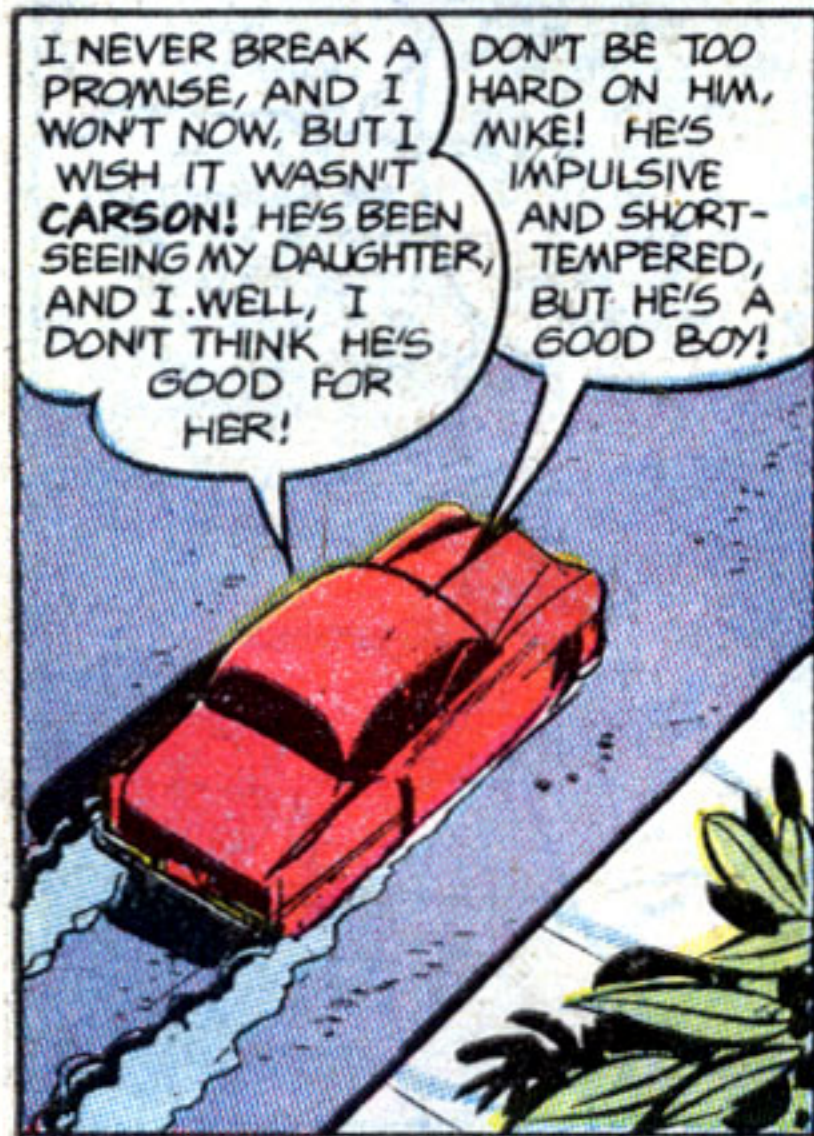
YES, BUT YOU DIDN'T GET MIXED UP WITH THOSE BLACK MARKET GORILLAS, AND I DID! EVEN LORRAINE DOESN'T KNOW! IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT HER FATHER WAS A CROOK...

SHE'S NOT GOING TO FIND OUT, MIKE! YOU ARE A SOLID CITIZEN NOW! NOBODY CAN TOUCH YOU! C'MON, LET'S GO HAVE A DRINK!



HEY! I GOT SO CONCERNED WITH MY OWN PROBLEMS THAT I FORGOT TO ASK YOU WHY YOU CAME TO SEE ME!

YOU SAID ONCE THAT IF ANY OF THE BOYS GOT IN TROUBLE, YOU WANTED TO HELP! WELL, JOHNNY CARSON'S FATHER CAN'T PAY HIS BILLS, AND JOHNNY WILL HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL! HE'S SORE AT THE WORLD NOW, BUT IF HE GOT A BREAK I THINK HE'D STRAIGHTEN OUT!



I NEVER BREAK A PROMISE, AND I WON'T NOW, BUT I WISH IT WASN'T CARSON! HE'S BEEN SEEING MY DAUGHTER, AND I WELL, I DON'T THINK HE'S GOOD FOR HER!

DON'T BE TOO HARD ON HIM, MIKE! HE'S IMPULSIVE AND SHORT-TEMPERED, BUT HE'S A GOOD BOY!

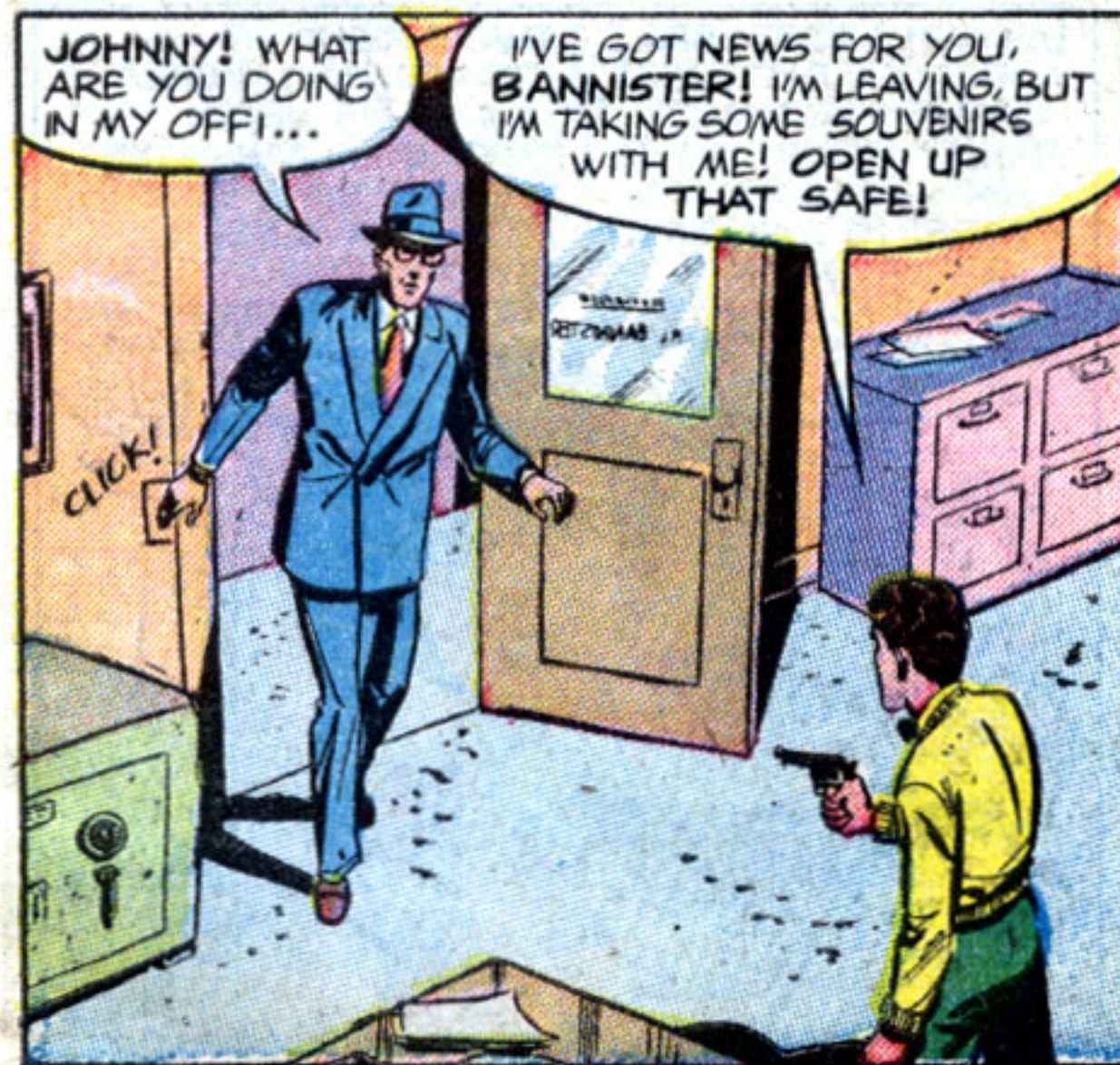


NO, HE'S TOO MUCH LIKE I USED TO BE, BANNISTER! HE THINKS THE WORLD OWES HIM A LIVING! I WANT LORRAINE TO HAVE A STRAIGHT SHOOTING, RELIABLE GUY!



THANKS FOR HELPING JOHNNY CARSON! LET ME OFF HERE! I'LL PUT THIS CHECK IN MY OFFICE SAFE, AND TELL CARSON THE GOOD NEWS TOMORROW!

I ONLY HOPE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING!



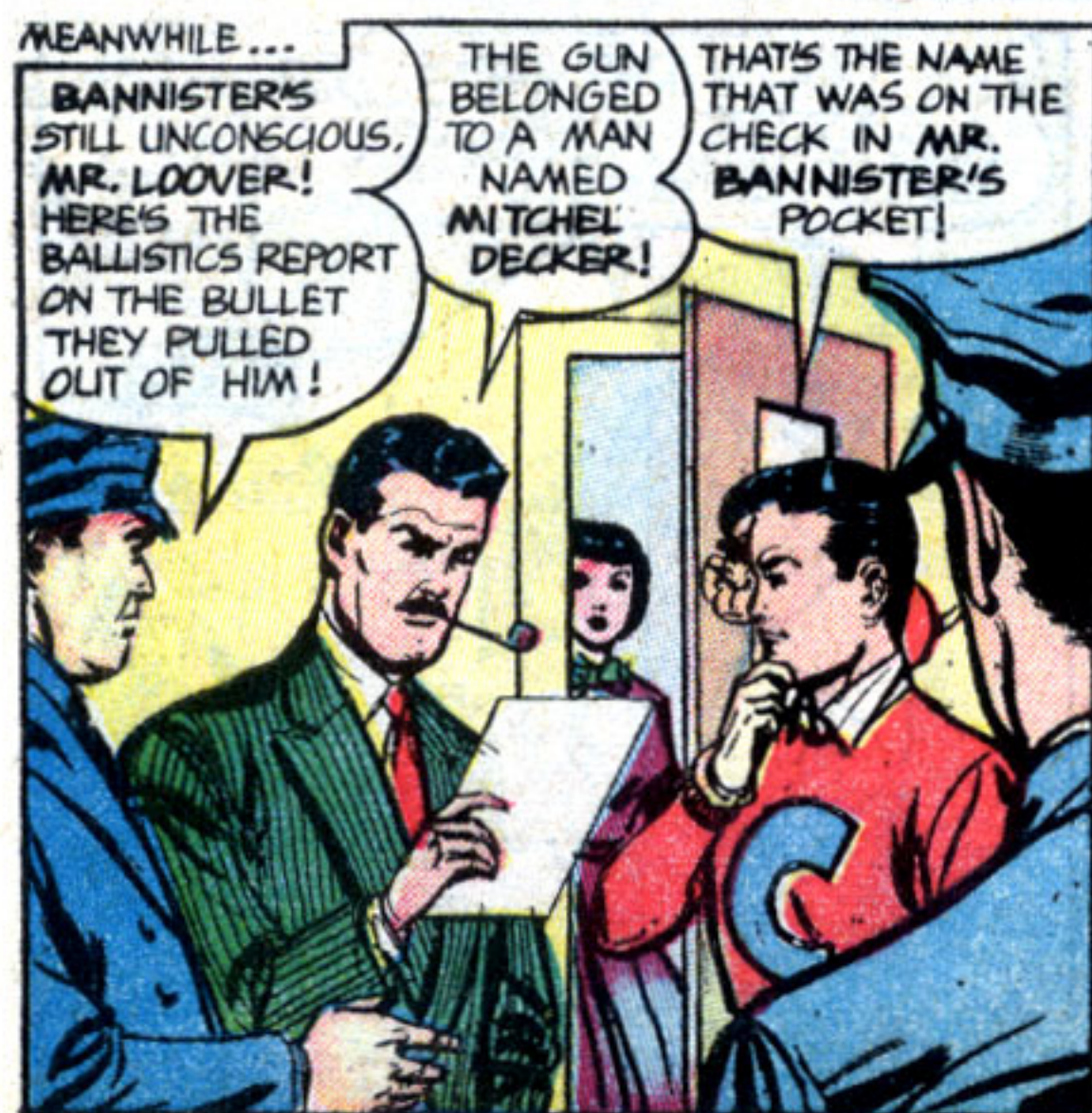
JOHNNY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY OFFI...

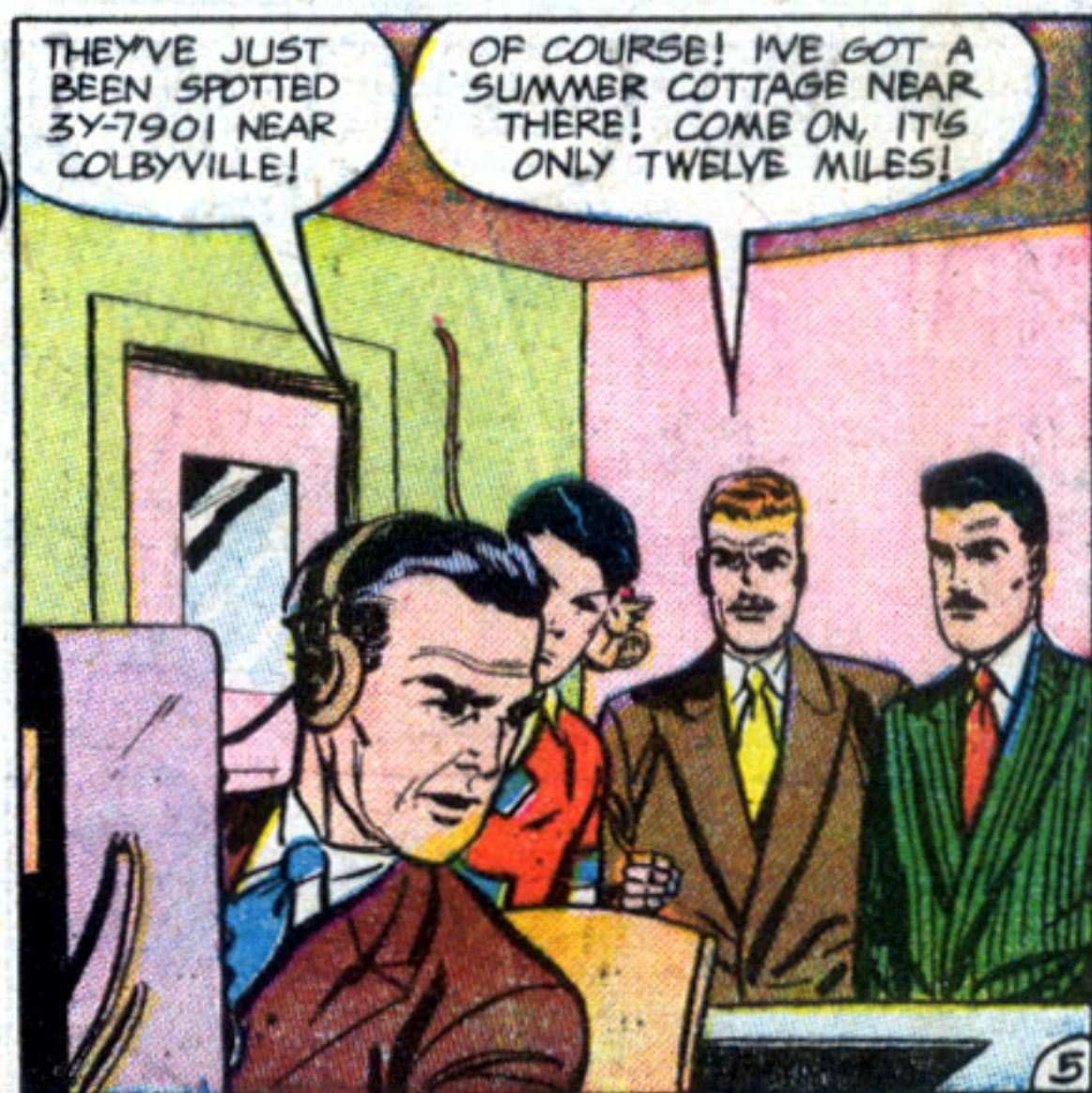
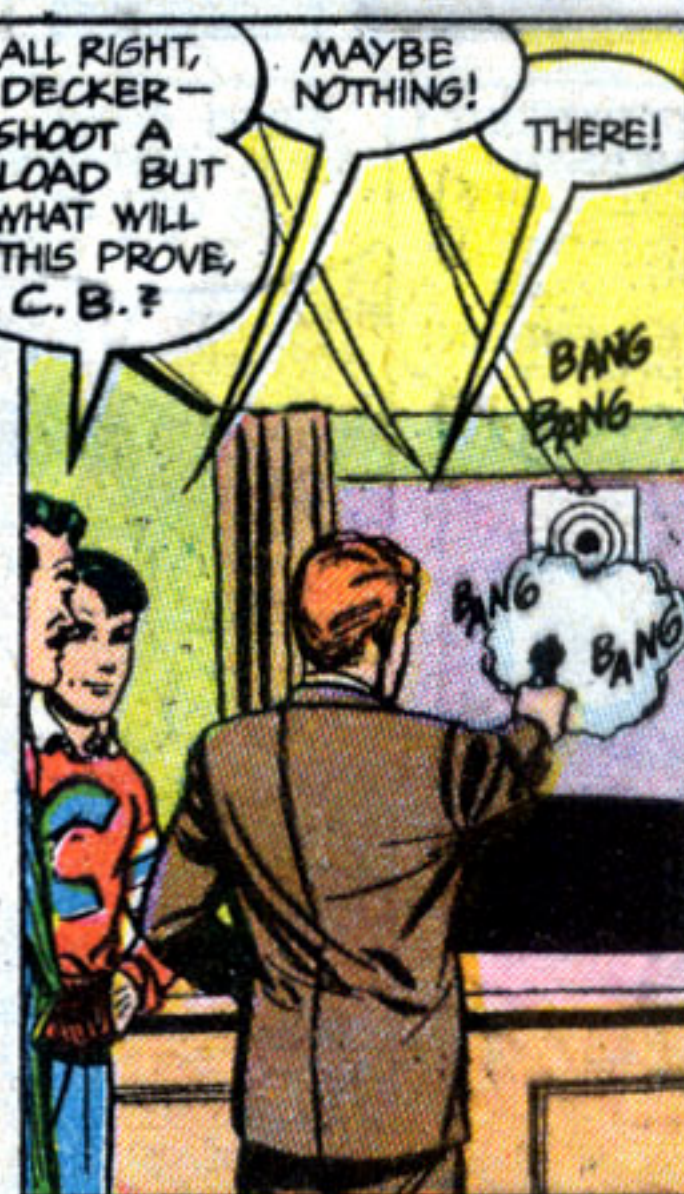
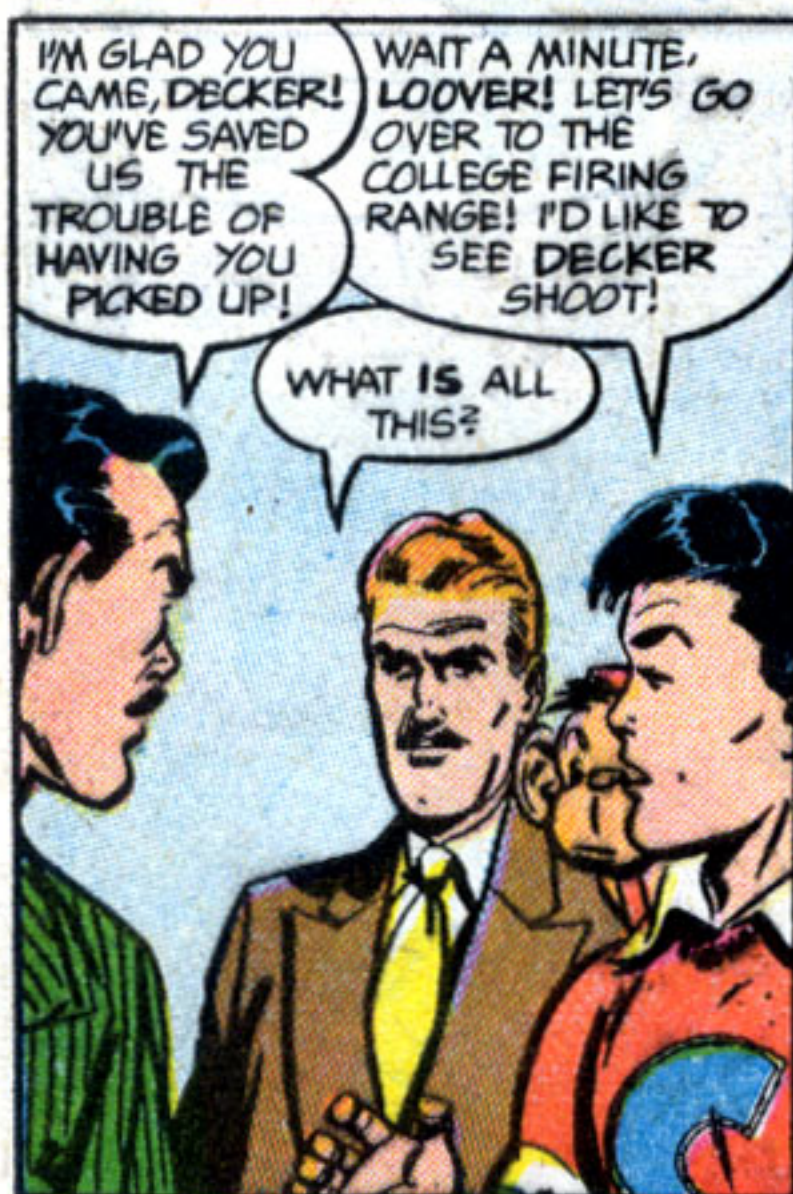
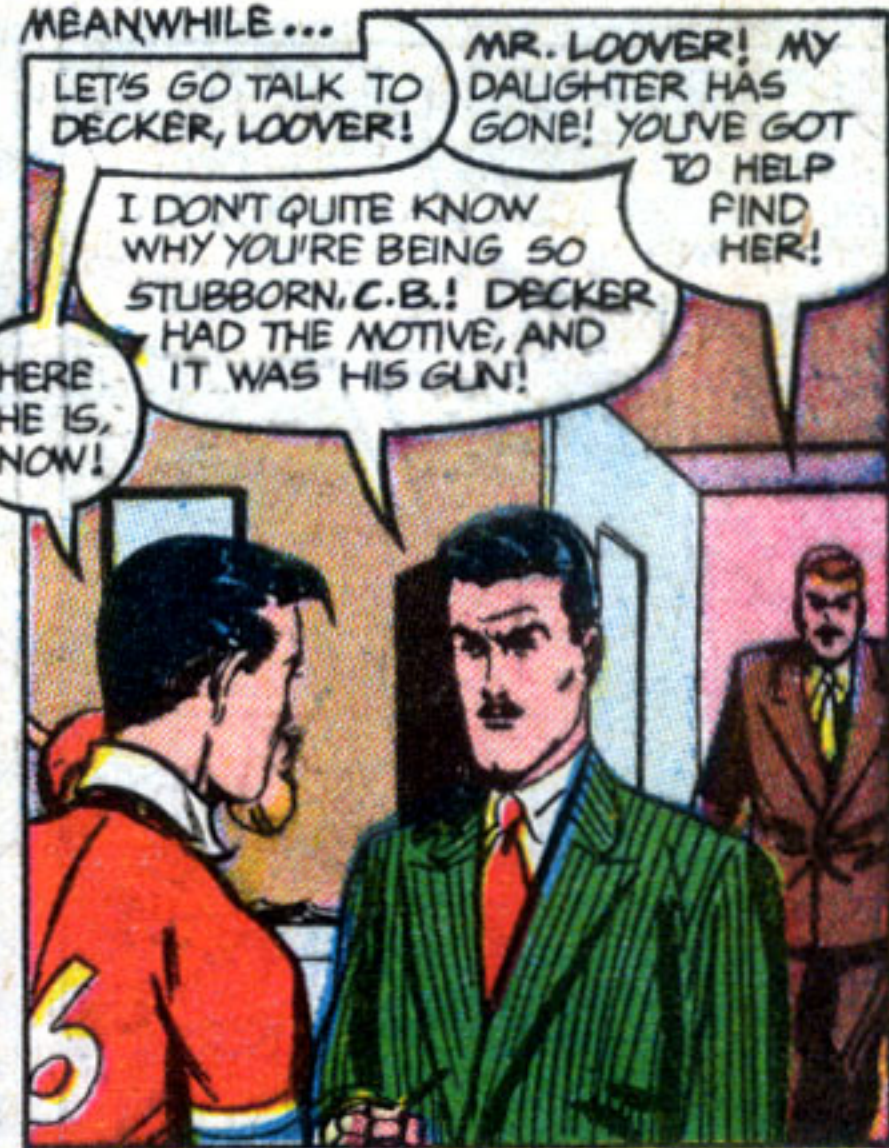
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, BANNISTER! I'M LEAVING, BUT I'M TAKING SOME SOUVENIRS WITH ME! OPEN UP THAT SAFE!

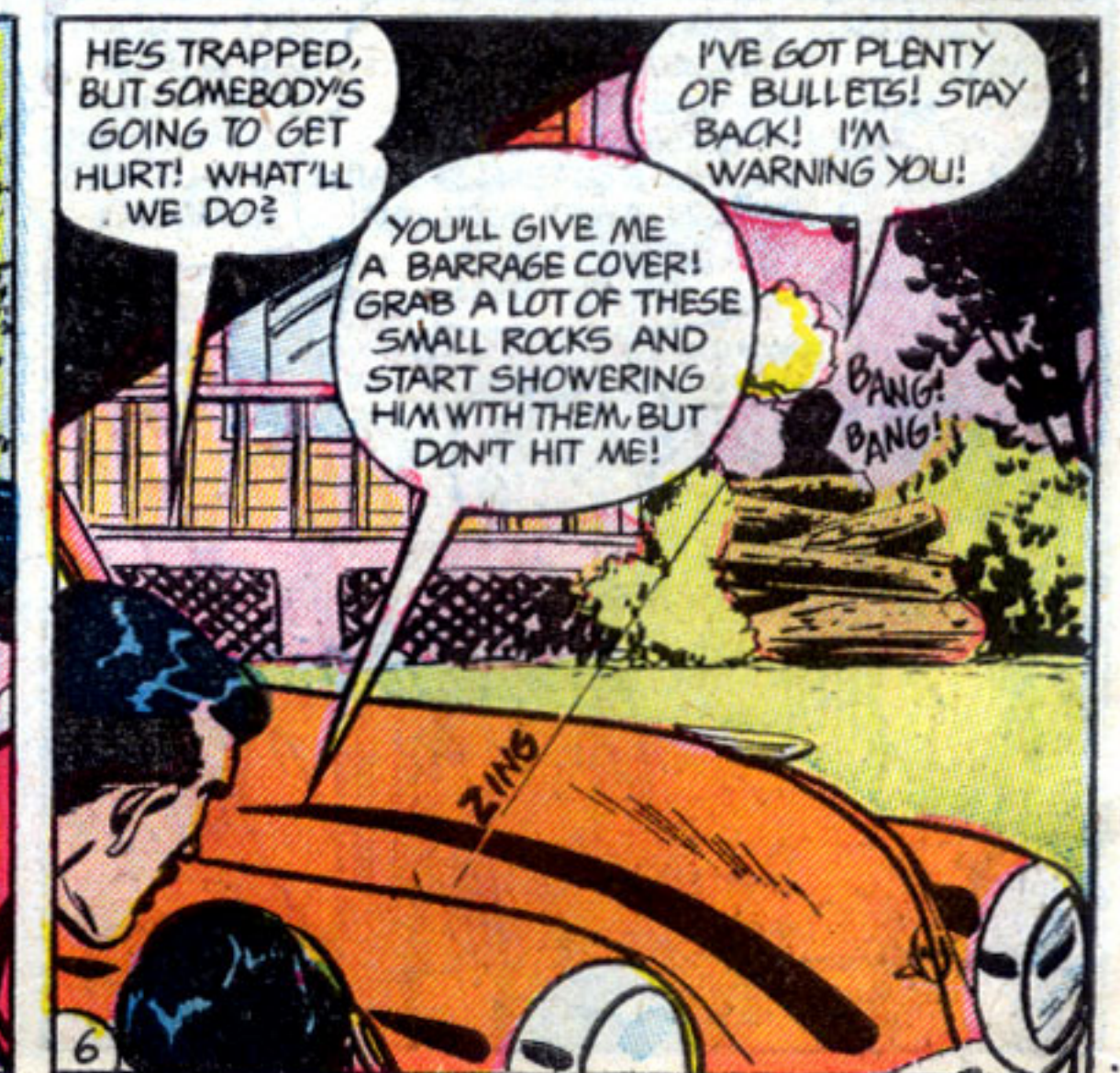


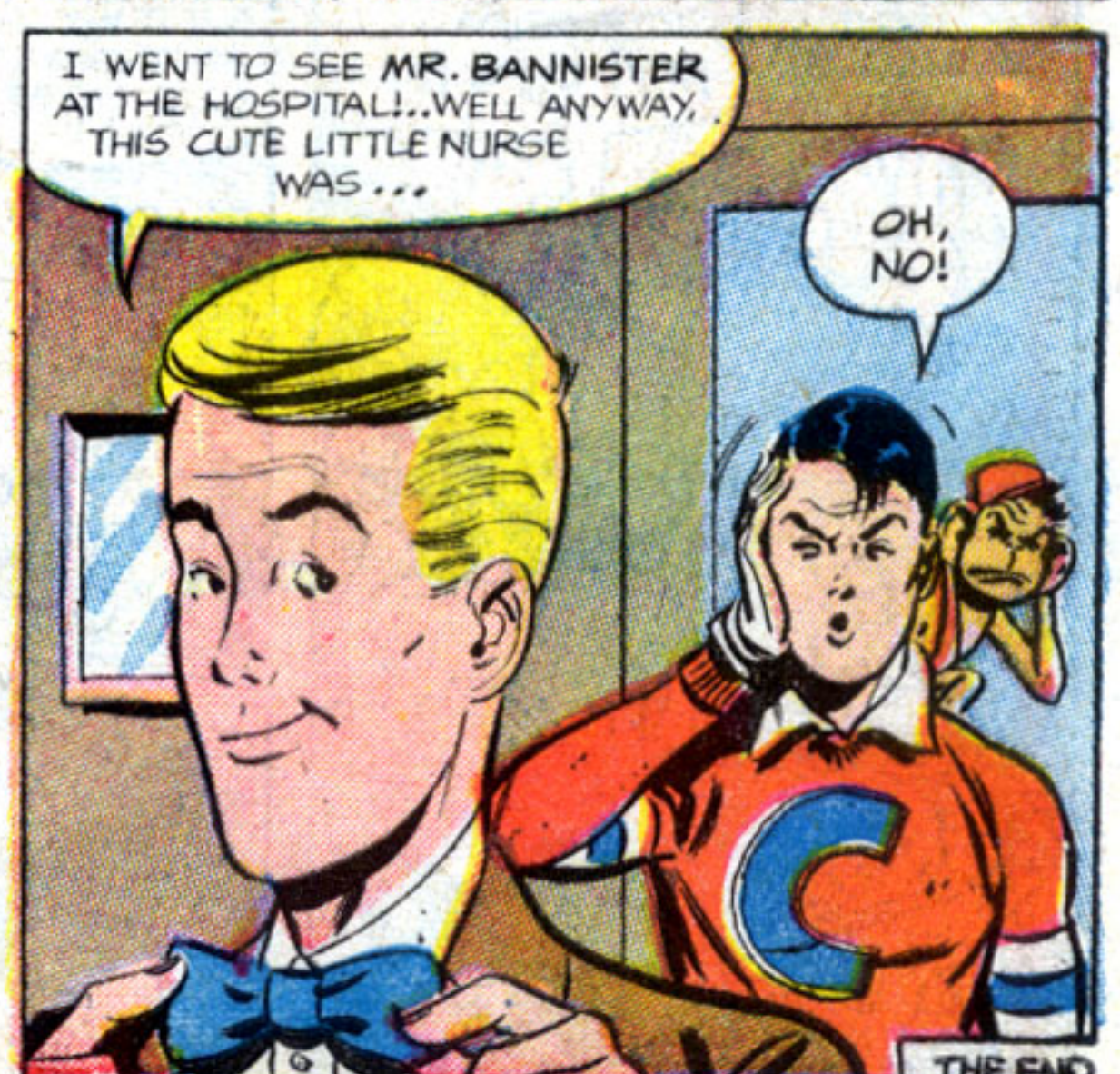
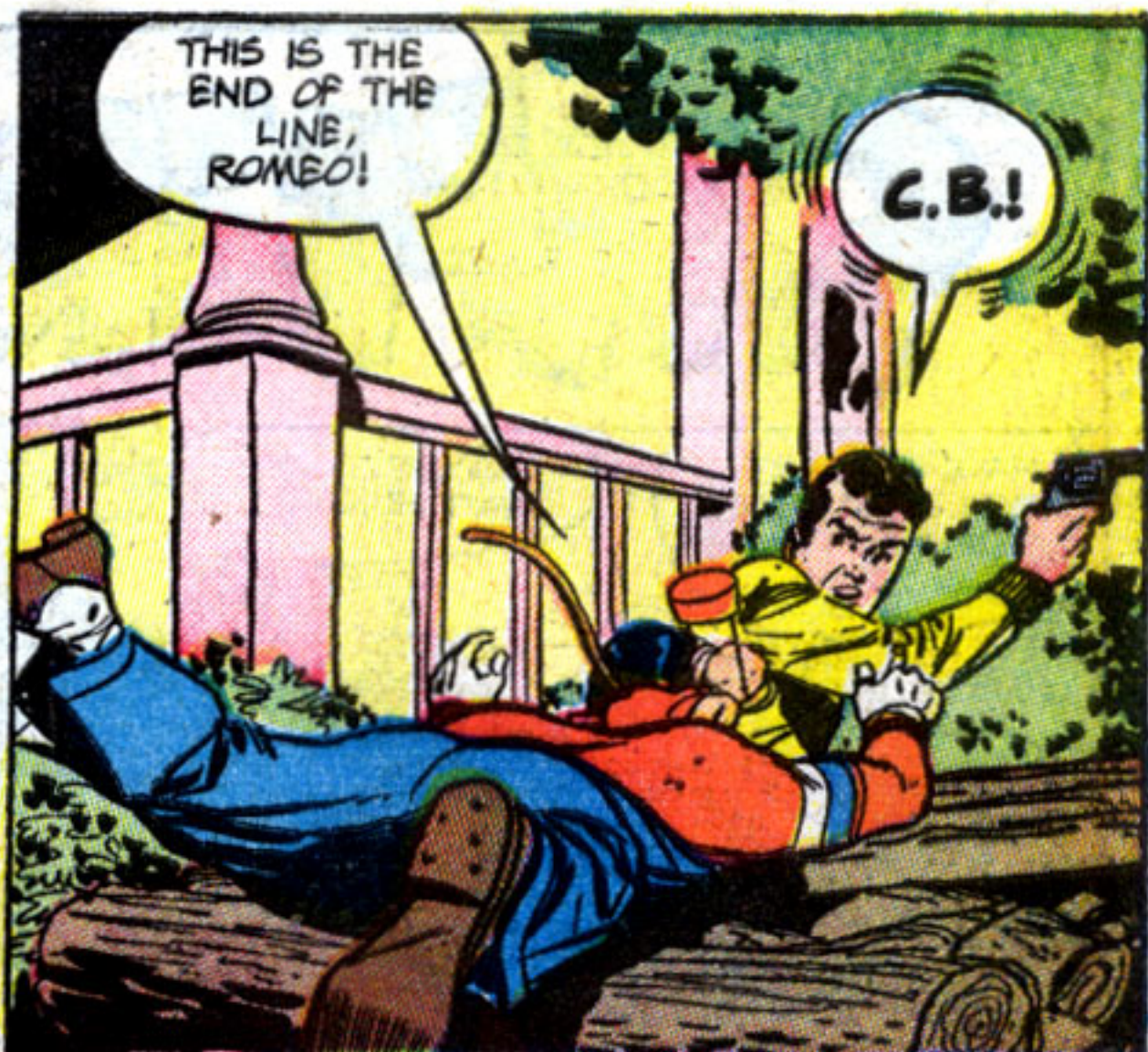
DON'T BE AN IDIOT, JOHN! WAIT—LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING!

DON'T BOTHER! I WOULDN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAID!







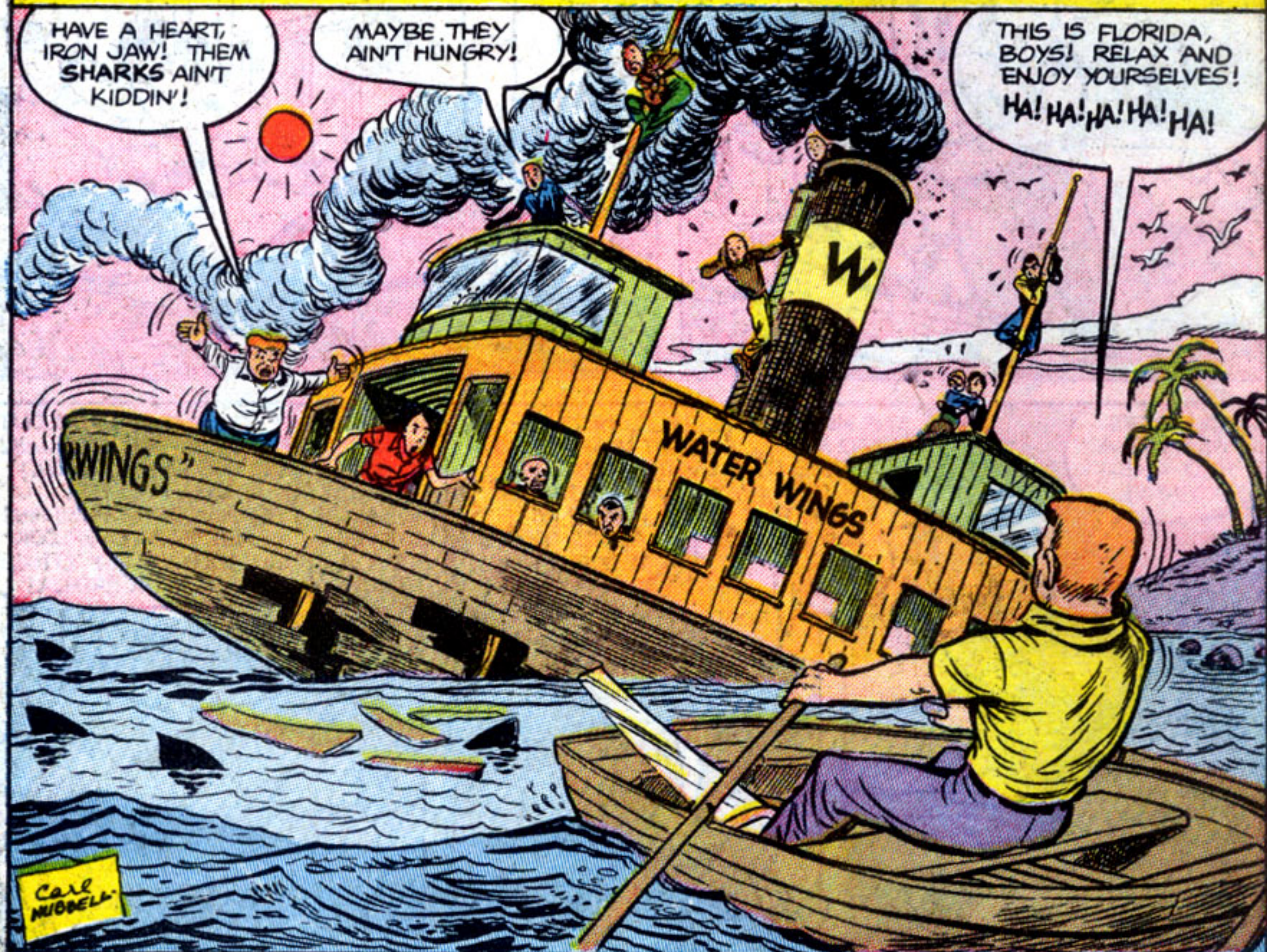


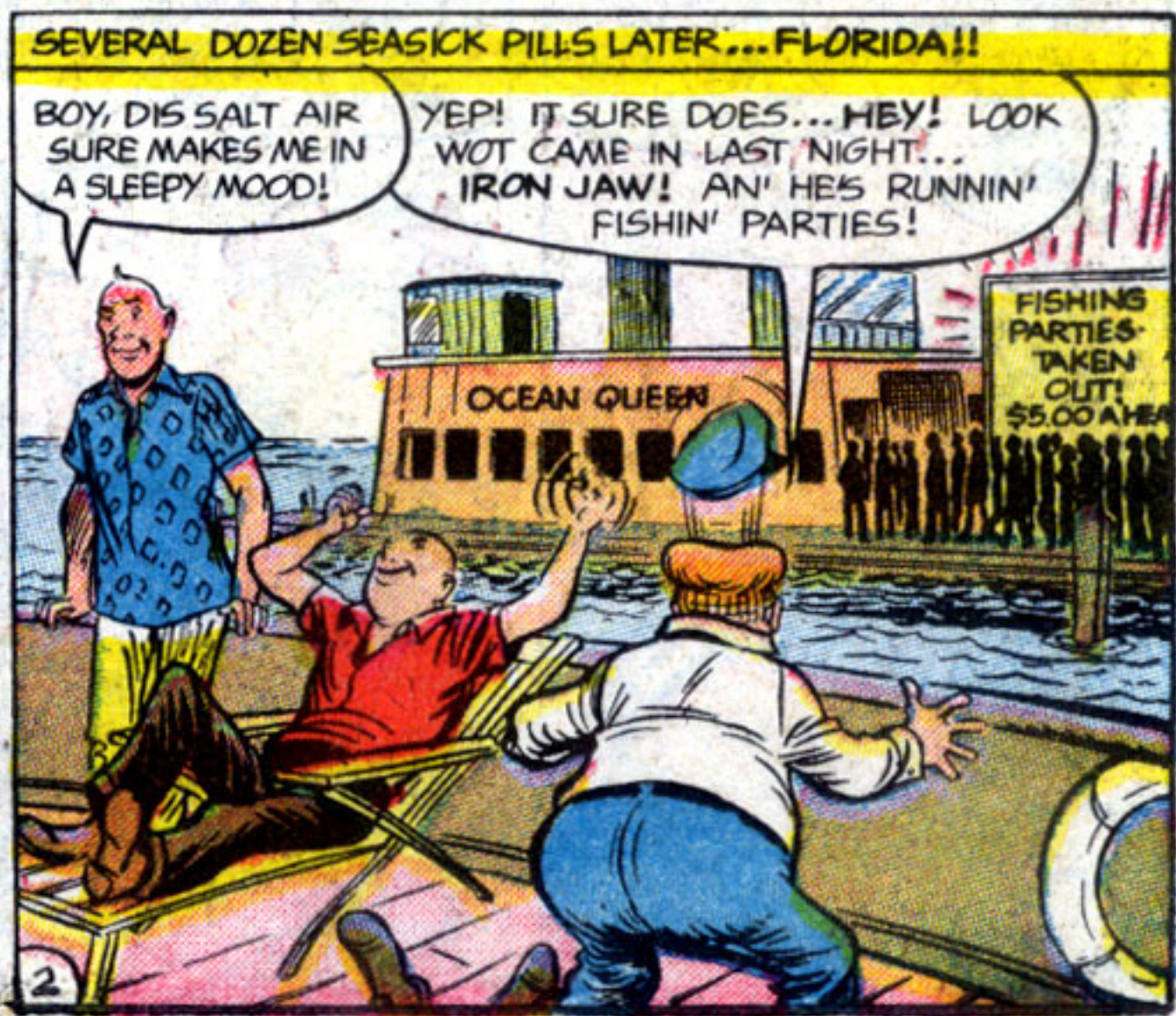
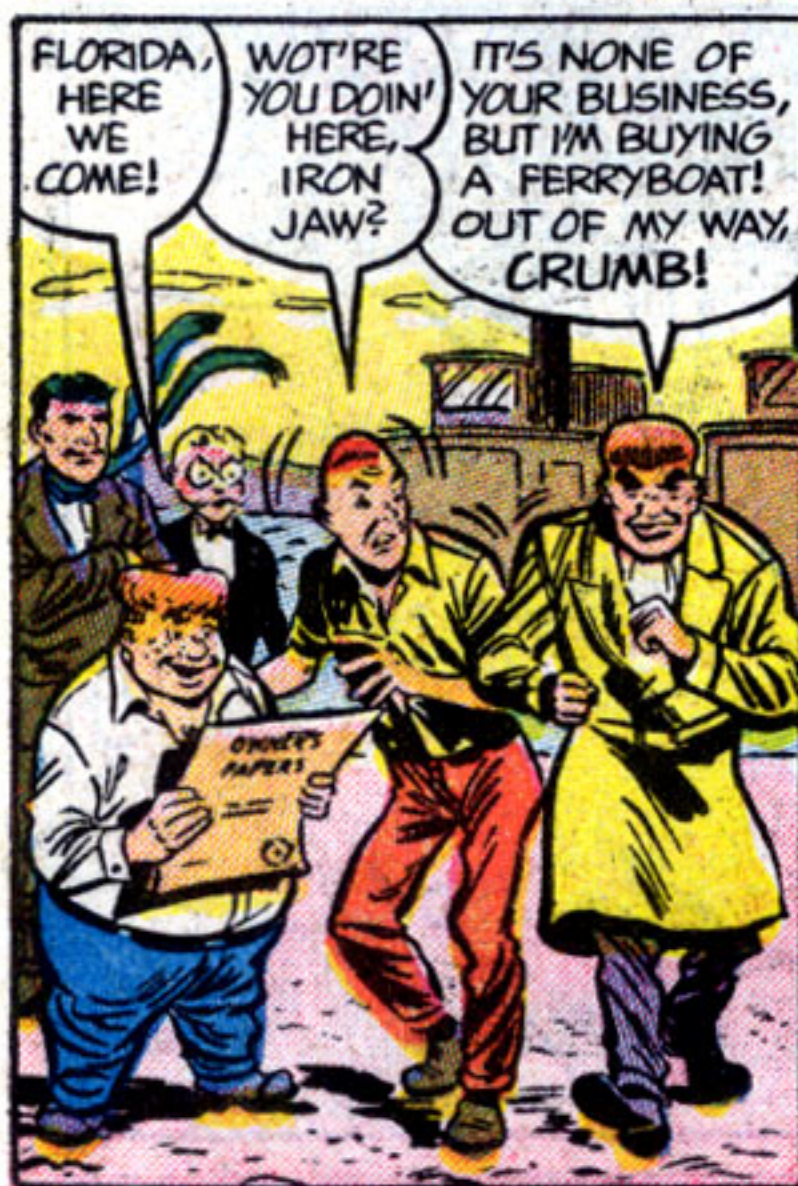
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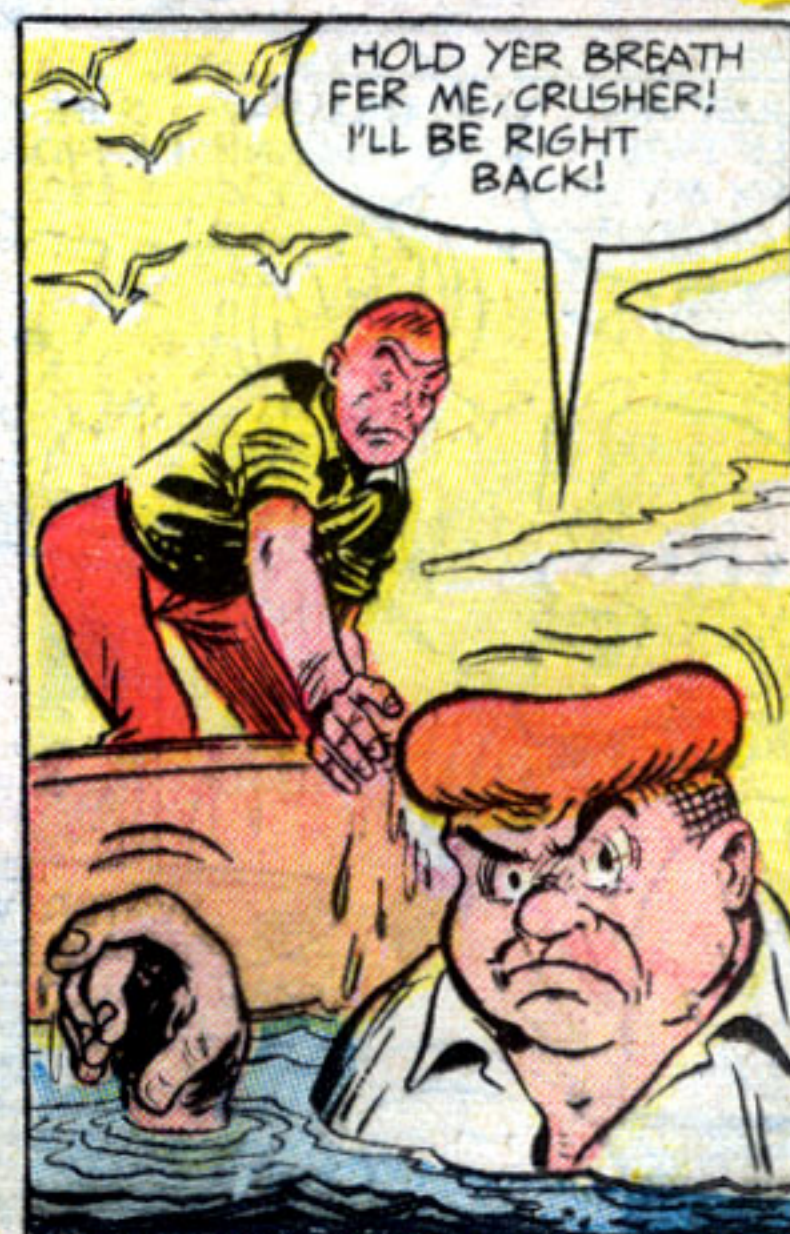
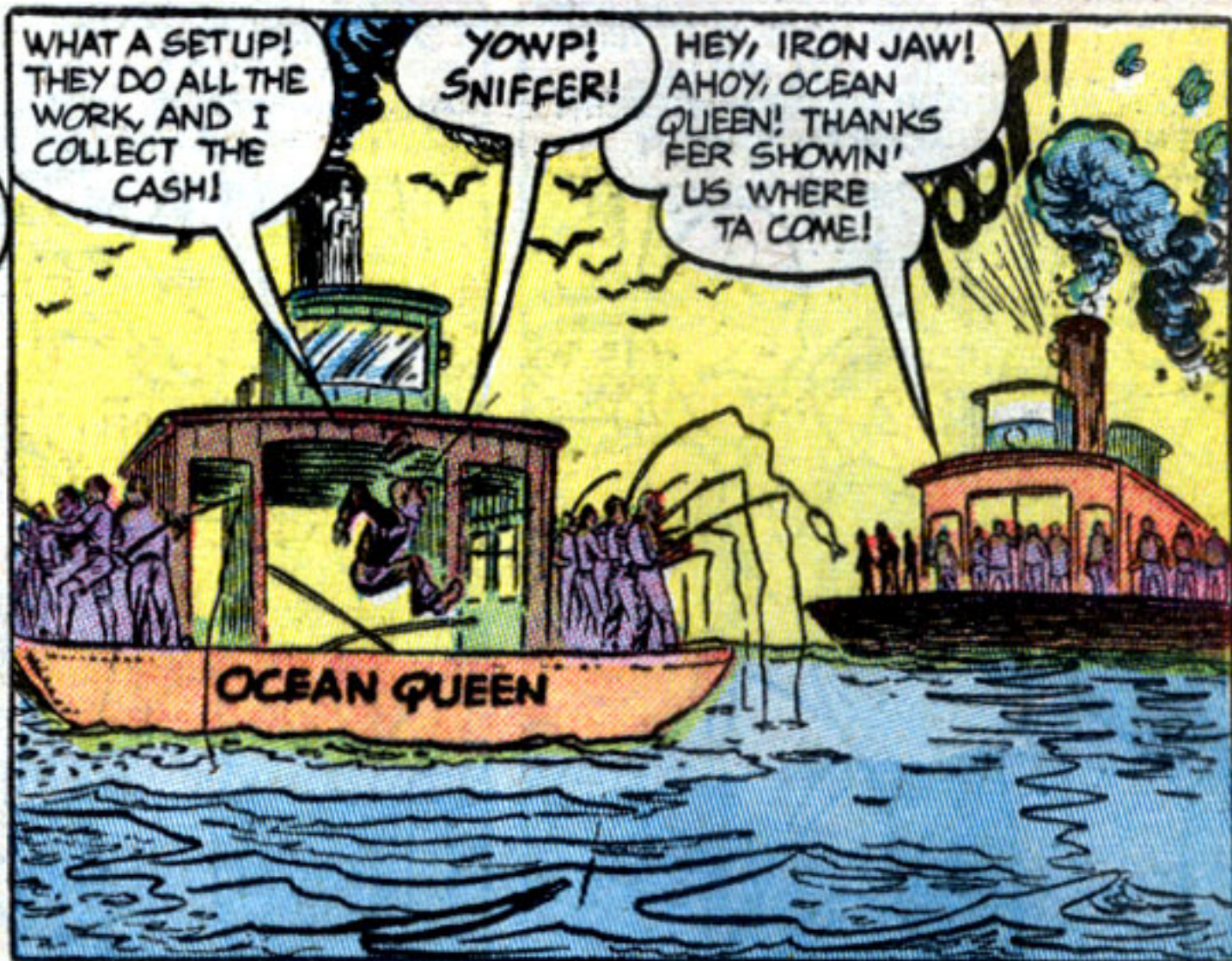
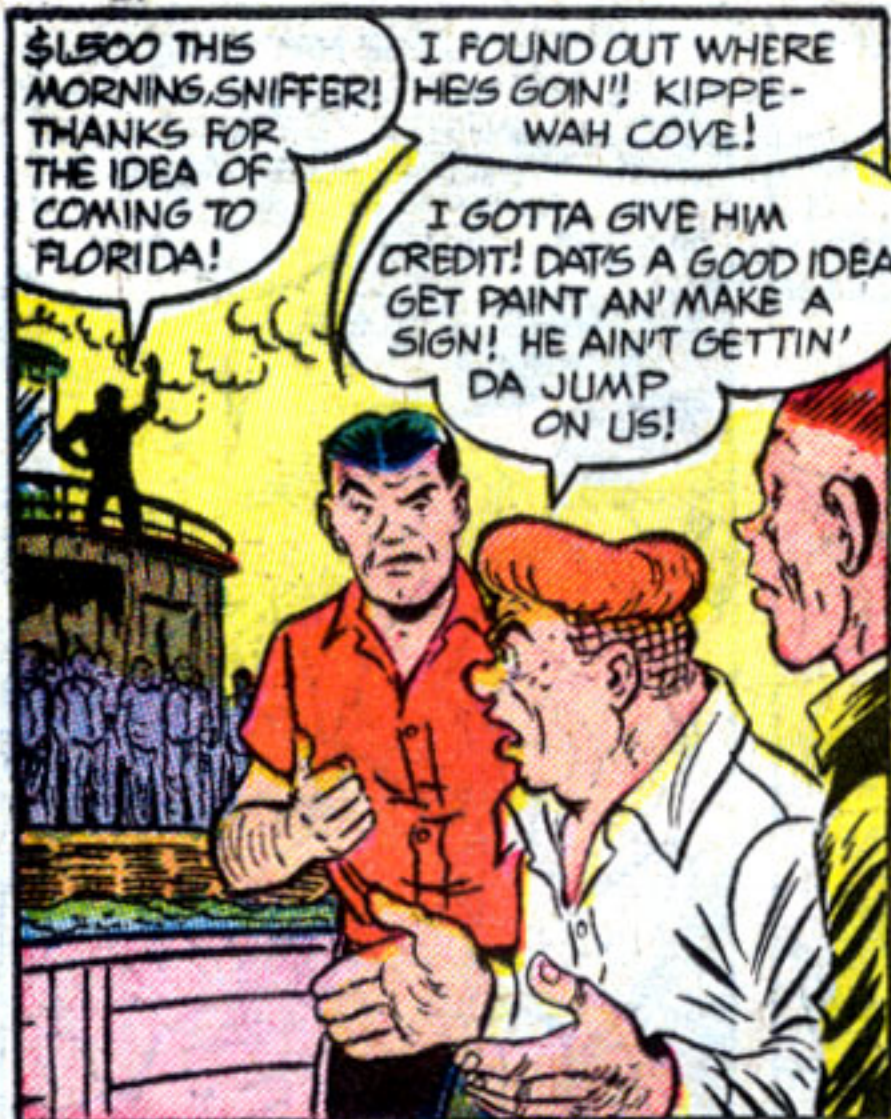
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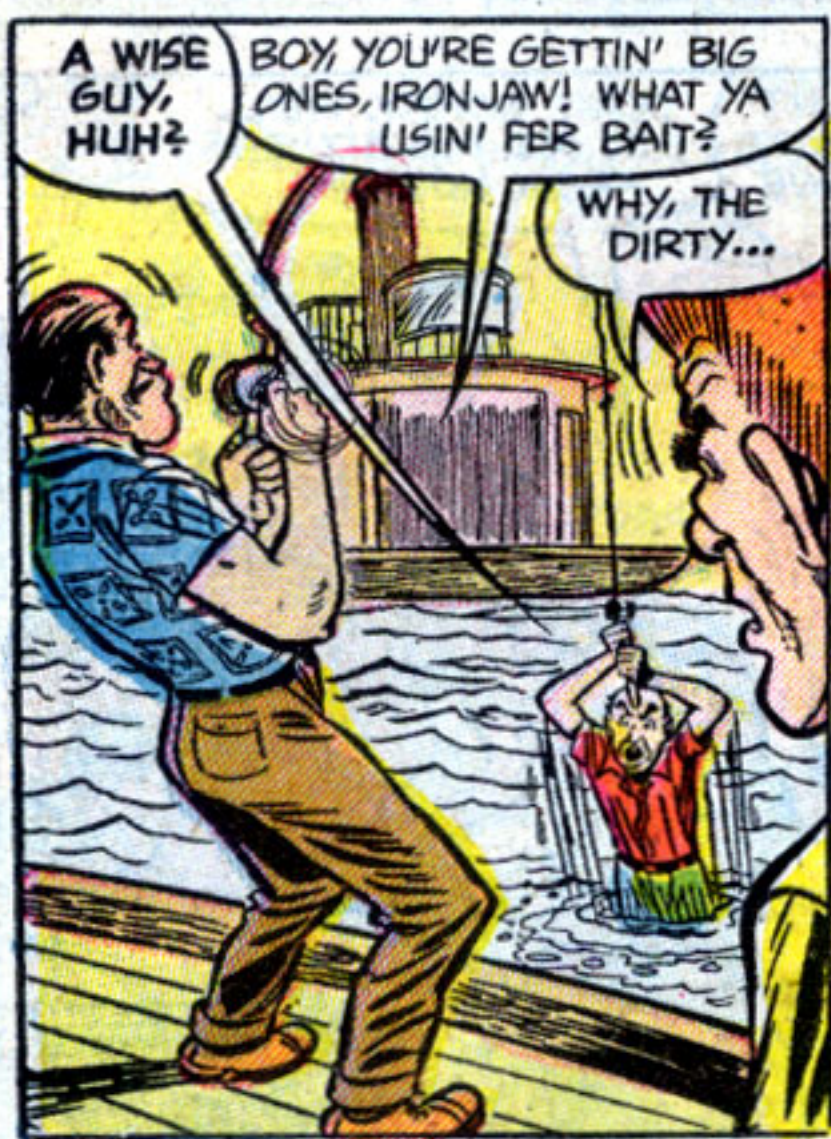
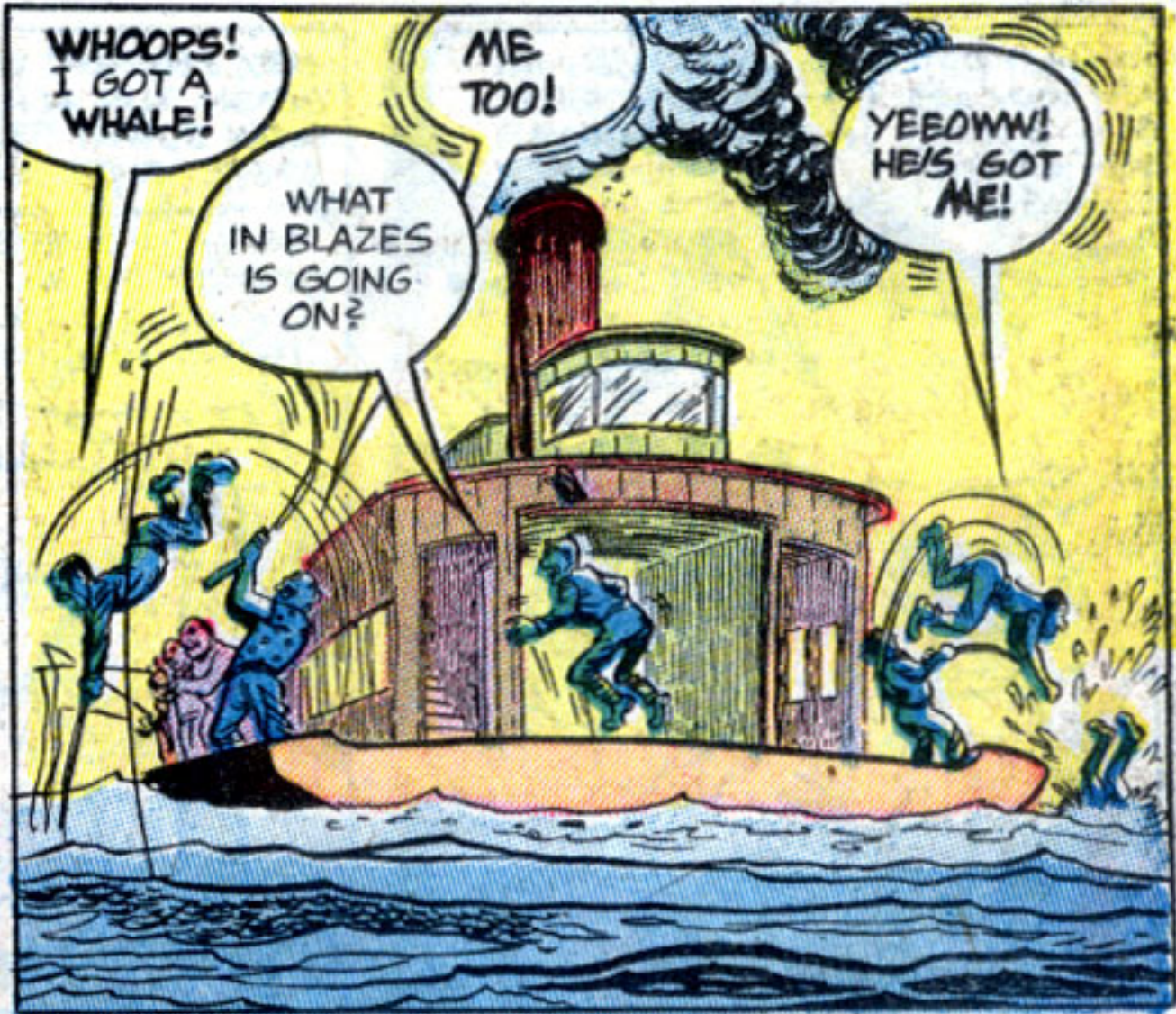
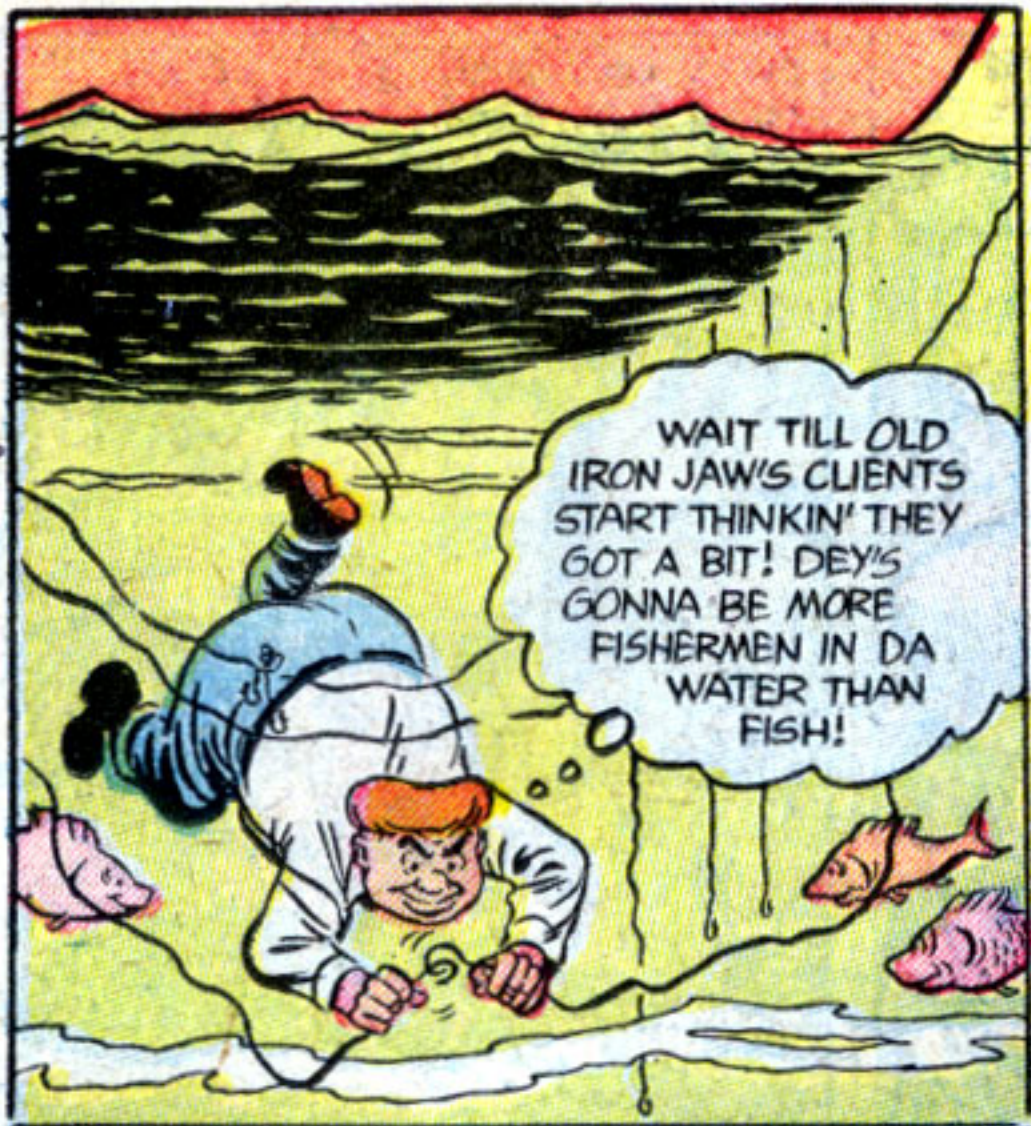
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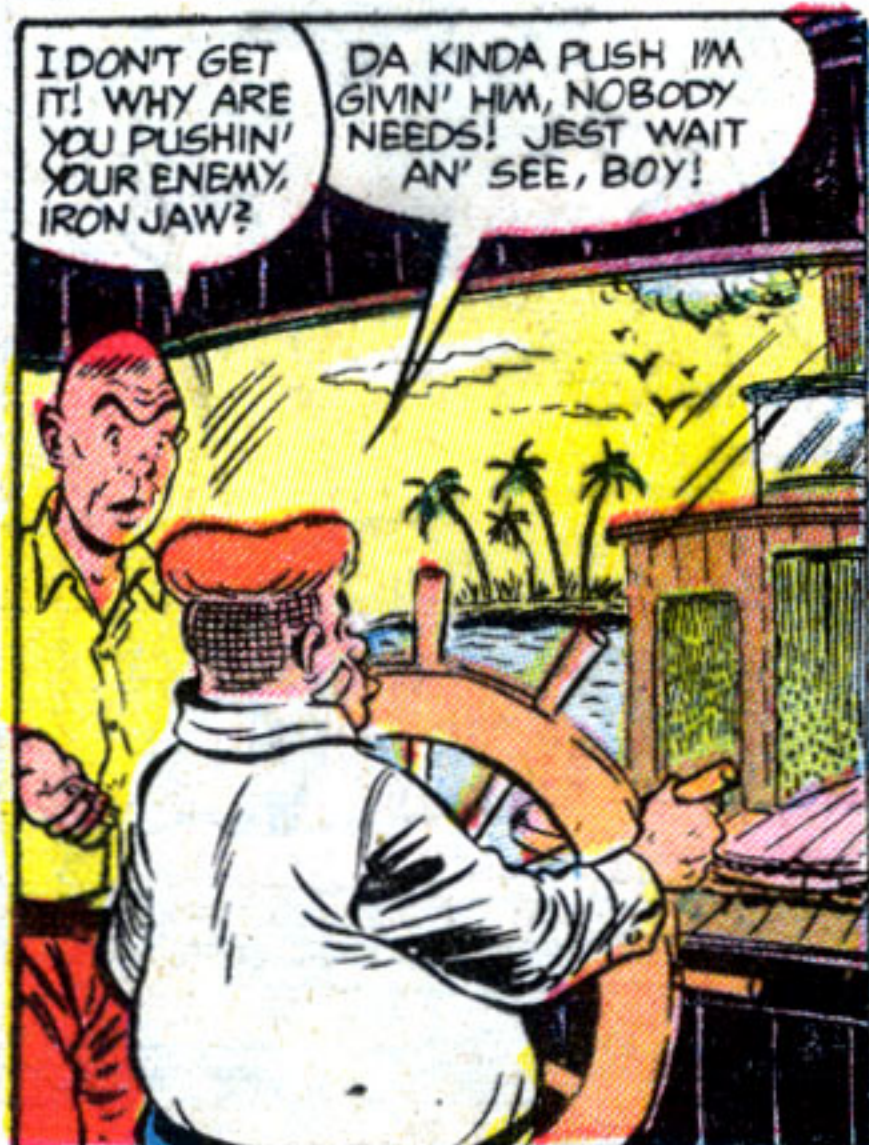
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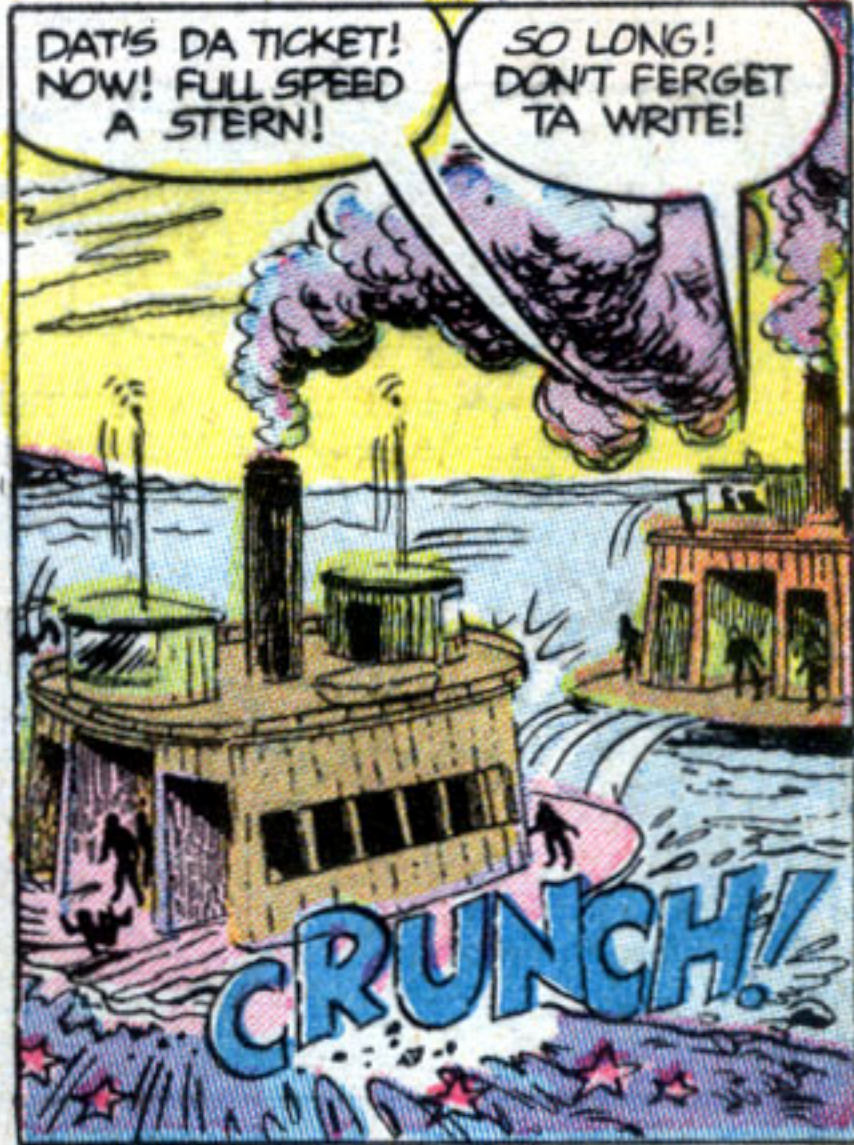
I DON'T GET IT! WHY ARE YOU PUSHIN' YOUR ENEMY, IRON JAW?

DA KINDA PUSH I'M GIVIN' HIM, NOBODY NEEDS! JEST WAIT AN' SEE, BOY!



HEY, SNIFFER! WE'RE GONNA RUN AGROUND! SLOW DOWN! STOP! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!

I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOIN', OL' PAL! I HOPE YOU LIKE DESERT ISLANDS!



DAT'S DA TICKET! NOW! FULL SPEED A STERN!

SO LONG! DON'T FERGET TA WRITE!



LATER... MUCH LATER!

HA! HA! OL' TIN CHIN SURE OUTSMARTED HISSELF THAT TIME! WISH I COULD SEE HIS FACE NOW!

WHEEE WHOOPS YIPEE!



TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE IRON JAW'S BOAT, TOO, THEN WE'D HAVE A FLEET!

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GET ALL HIS BIZNESS FROM NOW ON!

I'M GIVING YOU THE BUSINESS RIGHT NOW, FLATHEAD!



IT'S GETTIN' KINDA DAMP, AIN'T IT?

IT ALWAYS FEELS LIKE DAT WHEN YER NEAR DA WATER!

YIPES! WE'RE IN DA WATER!



HEY! DIS IS A LONG SWIM TA SHORE! :BLUBBBB:

THEN WALK, BUT DON'T BODDER ME!



C'MON, IRON JAW, OL' BUDDY! YOU WOULDN'T LET US BE SHARK BAIT, WOULD YA?

RELAX, BOYS! YOU DON'T GET A VACATION IN FLORIDA EVERY YEAR!

THE END

IF YOU WANT TO LAUGH YOURSELF INTO AN EVEN BIGGER FRENZY, DON'T FAIL TO READ THE NEXT ISSUE!

INSIDE THOSE SMALL PACKAGES

ANCIENT HISTORY HAS NO MONOPOLY ON BOY WONDERS! SOME OF THE CURRENT CROP OF LITTLE BIG-DOERS WOULD MAKE EVEN LITTLE DAVID GO BACK AND PRACTICE SOME MORE WITH HIS SLINGSHOT! IF YOU EVER SEE A BOY OFFER TO DO A MAN'S JOB, DON'T LET HIS AGE FOOL YOU!

OVER THE WAVES. A ten year old youngster living in Eagle River, Wisconsin is the youngest motor boat racer in the country. At last count the youth had defeated over 200 rivals — all adults, and had won eight trophies as well as many cash prizes. He had placed first eleven times and second, six times. The young champion had been driving his own motor boat since the age of seven.



RACING TO GLORY. While a crowd of 60,000 spectators looked on, two boys aged 14 and 12 finished nose and nose for the first dead heat in the records of the All American Soap Box Derby held in Akron, O. In a re-run match, one of the boys defeated the other by a margin so close that it became necessary for the judges to consult a photo finish print. The time of the dead heat, down a 975 foot hill course, was 28.35 seconds; the re-run was clocked at 28.17. (1952).

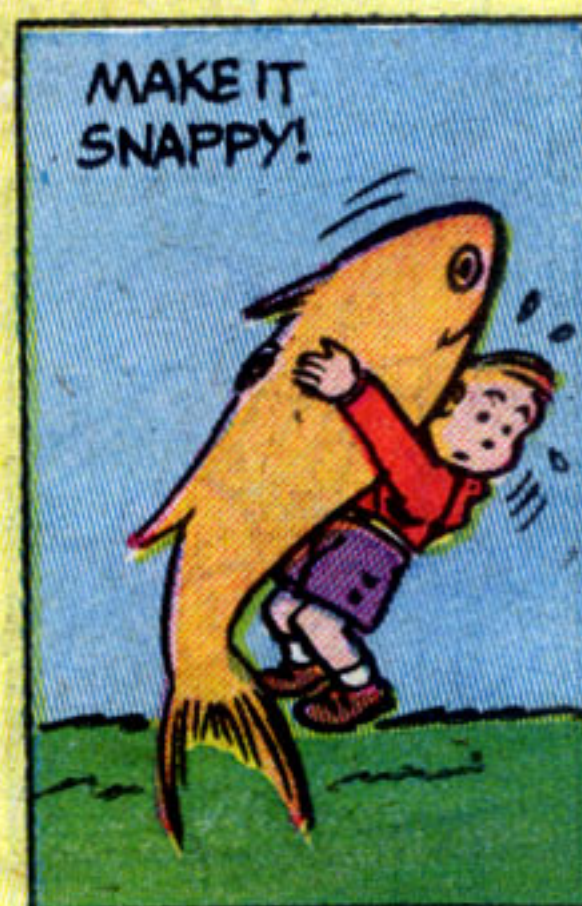
THE HANDICAPPED BALL PLAYER. A courageous eleven year old youngster now living in Bridgeport, Ohio, who lost his left leg in a train accident in New Jersey in 1952, has since developed into an excellent sportsman, despite his handicap. With the aid of a wooden crutch he can play any position on a baseball field, is able to run bases at a speed of twelve feet a second, bats .333 in league play, and can slide into bases with the best in his circuit. His playing ability earned him a regular position, with the Bridgeport Red Sox in the community's Little League.



At the age of six, a Cedar Rapids, Iowa boy recently received a traffic summons by police officers when he was discovered driving about the streets in an automobile made for him by his father. His offense—operating a motor vehicle without a license. The small car had a welded frame covered with sheet metal and boasted a one-cylinder gasoline motor, centrifugal clutch, and chain drive. The boy was believed to be the youngest person ever issued a ticket for such an offense.

HOLE-IN-WONDER. Until the age of fifteen a Toledo, Ohio boy gained all his golfing knowledge by practicing shots into chuckholes of a cemetery near his home. When he stepped onto a regulation golf course for the first time in his life in 1950, a startling thing happened. His ball, battered and scarred from many a weary mile over the graveyard course, rolled off the tee at the 140 yard eighth hole in Ottawa Park, and plunked into the cup for a hole-in-one.

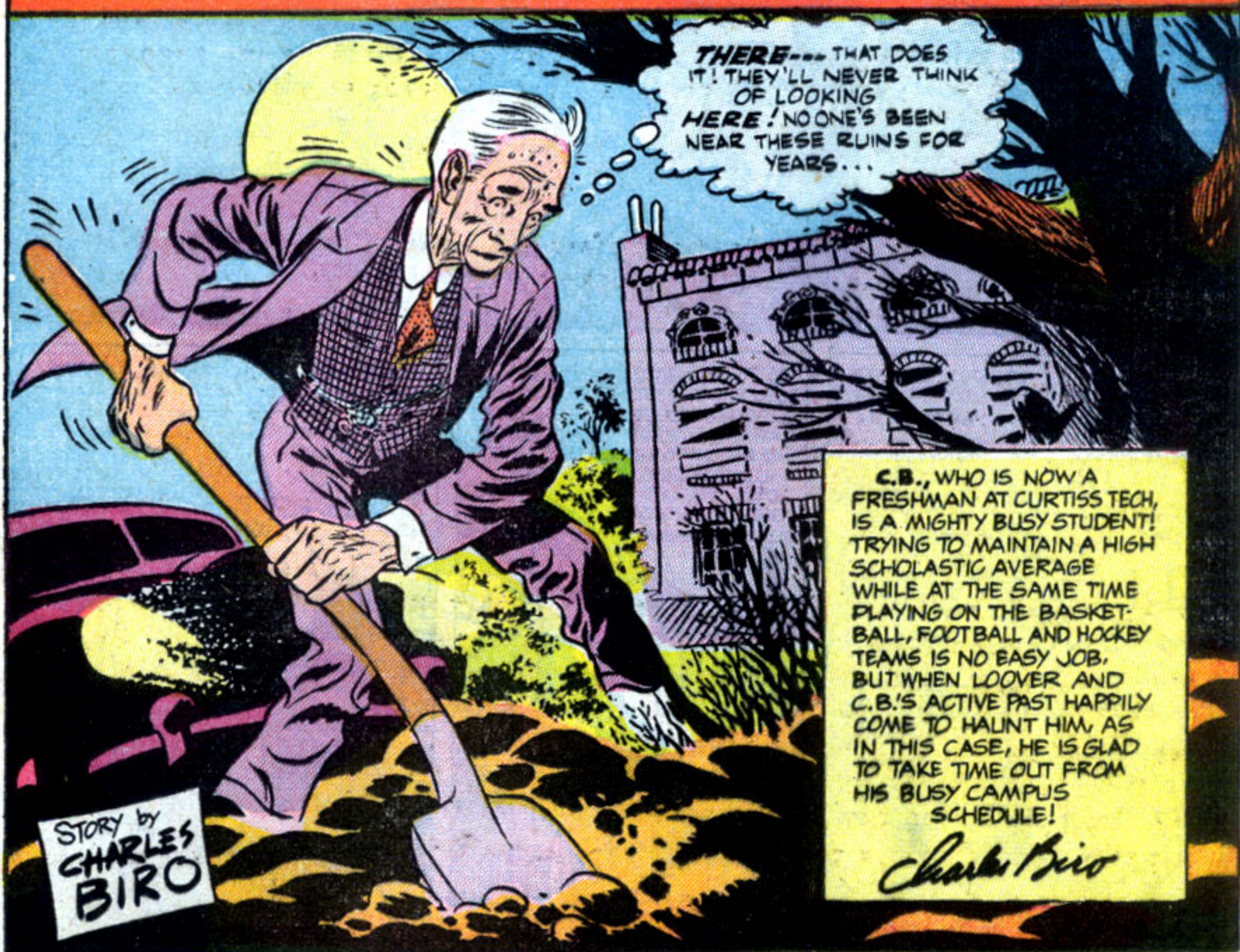
When a pre-school age youngster went fishing with his father on an Iowa lake, it was the first time he had indulged in such a sport. While casting his line in the water, the boy felt a tug, and with the aid of his father pulled in a twelve pound buffalo fish. Later the boy posed for photographs with his catch, a feat which afforded him the greatest difficulty when it came to holding his prize catch up for exhibition.



From time to time boys have competed in sporting events against older persons, and have succeeded in carrying off top honors despite the greater experience, background, and more mature judgment of their opponents. The latest such instance occurred in Vandalia, Ohio on August 27, 1954, when a fourteen year old New York boy entered and won a trap shooting contest, participating against a field of

2,009 competitors. The young sharpshooter blasted 148 out of 150 clay targets and went on to win \$6,000 in prize money in what proved to be his first professional tournament. The youth began trap shooting at the age of ten and soon was able to outshoot his father, who started out in the sport with him. To keep in good form, the youngster practiced firing between one hundred and two hundred shots a week at a rifle range on Long Island.

C.B. in "The HAUNTING PAST"



STORY by
**CHARLES
BIRO**

C.B., WHO IS NOW A FRESHMAN AT CURTISS TECH, IS A MIGHTY BUSY STUDENT! TRYING TO MAINTAIN A HIGH SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PLAYING ON THE BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY TEAMS IS NO EASY JOB, BUT WHEN LOOVER AND C.B.'S ACTIVE PAST HAPPILY COME TO HAUNT HIM, AS IN THIS CASE, HE IS GLAD TO TAKE TIME OUT FROM HIS BUSY CAMPUS SCHEDULE!

Charles Biro

AT THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PLEASANT NEWS AWAITS C.B....

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE, C. B., THAT I PRESENT TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY, THIS AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES RENDERED.

THANK YOU, SIR. BUT MR. LOOVER AND THE REST OF THE FORCE REALLY DESERVE IT.

WELL, C. B., THE MERRIDAY CASE WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS. LET'S SEE--- IT TOOK ABOUT **SIX MONTHS** TO FINALLY SOLVE IT, DIDN'T IT?

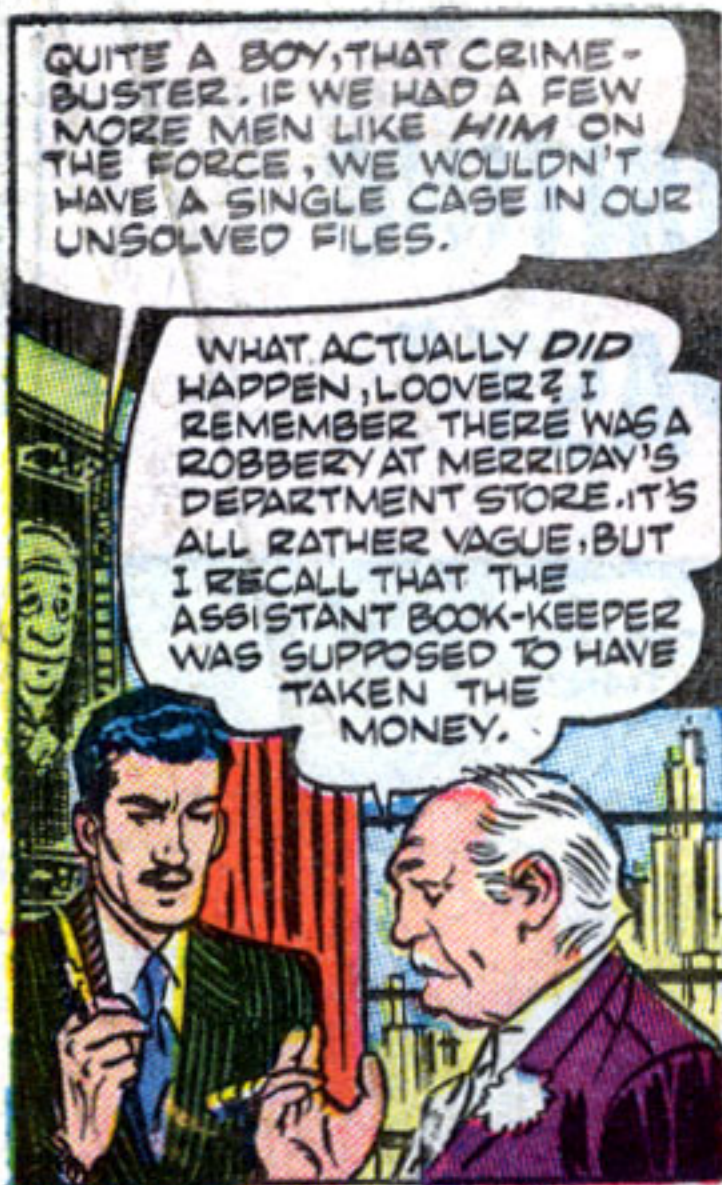
THAT'S RIGHT, LOOVER.

IT WAS A FINE JOB, AND WELL DONE! GOOD LUCK, C. B.!

CAN WE GET ANOTHER SHOT OF YOU, C. B.?

HOLD THE REWARD MONEY. A LITTLE HIGHER, SO THE READERS CAN SEE IT. THAT'S IT---





QUITE A BOY, THAT CRIME-BUSTER. IF WE HAD A FEW MORE MEN LIKE HIM ON THE FORCE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE A SINGLE CASE IN OUR UNSOLVED FILES.

WHAT ACTUALLY DID HAPPEN, LOOVER? I REMEMBER THERE WAS A ROBBERY AT MERRIDAY'S DEPARTMENT STORE. IT'S ALL RATHER VAGUE, BUT I RECALL THAT THE ASSISTANT BOOK-KEEPER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN THE MONEY.

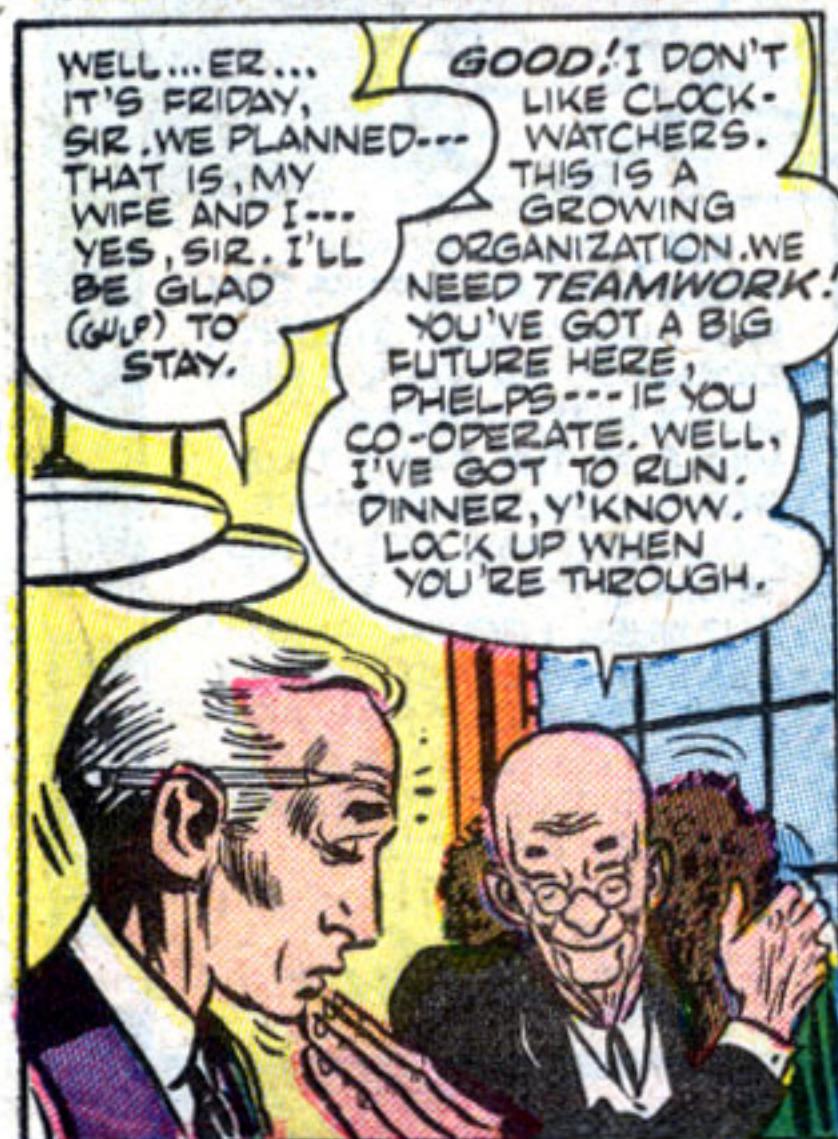


THAT'S WHAT **EVERYONE** THOUGHT. IT ALL STARTED MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN MERRIDAY OPENED HIS FIRST DEPARTMENT STORE.



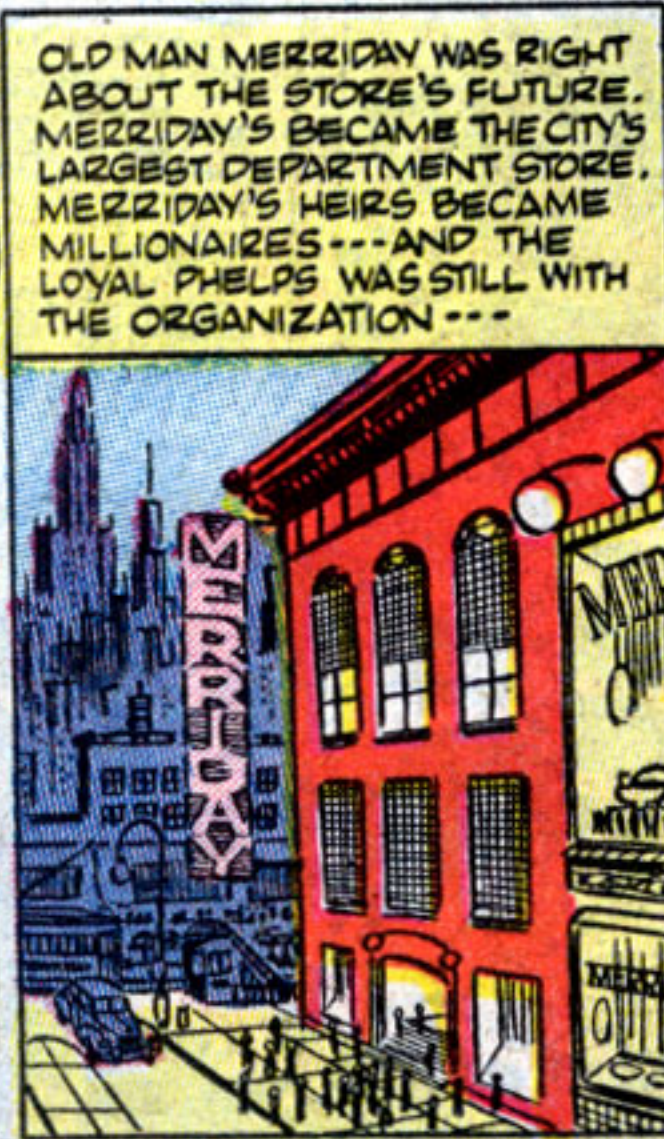
---ER--- I JUST PUT IN MY LAST ENTRY, SIR. DO YOU WANT TO CHECK IT BEFORE I LEAVE?

I'LL CHECK IT SOME OTHER TIME, PHELPS. BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU MIND STAYING LATE TONIGHT? SOME NEW STOCK CAME IN, AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE INVENTORY.



WELL...ER... IT'S FRIDAY, SIR. WE PLANNED--- THAT IS, MY WIFE AND I--- YES, SIR. I'LL BE GLAD (WUP) TO STAY.

GOOD! I DON'T LIKE CLOCK-WATCHERS. THIS IS A GROWING ORGANIZATION. WE NEED **TEAMWORK!** YOU'VE GOT A BIG FUTURE HERE, PHELPS--- IF YOU CO-OPERATE. WELL, I'VE GOT TO RUN. DINNER, Y'KNOW. LOCK UP WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH.



OLD MAN MERRIDAY WAS RIGHT ABOUT THE STORE'S FUTURE. MERRIDAY'S BECAME THE CITY'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE. MERRIDAY'S HEIRS BECAME MILLIONAIRES--- AND THE LOYAL PHELPS WAS STILL WITH THE ORGANIZATION---



AT HIS HOME, WHERE PHELPS WAS KING---OR **SHOULD HAVE BEEN---**

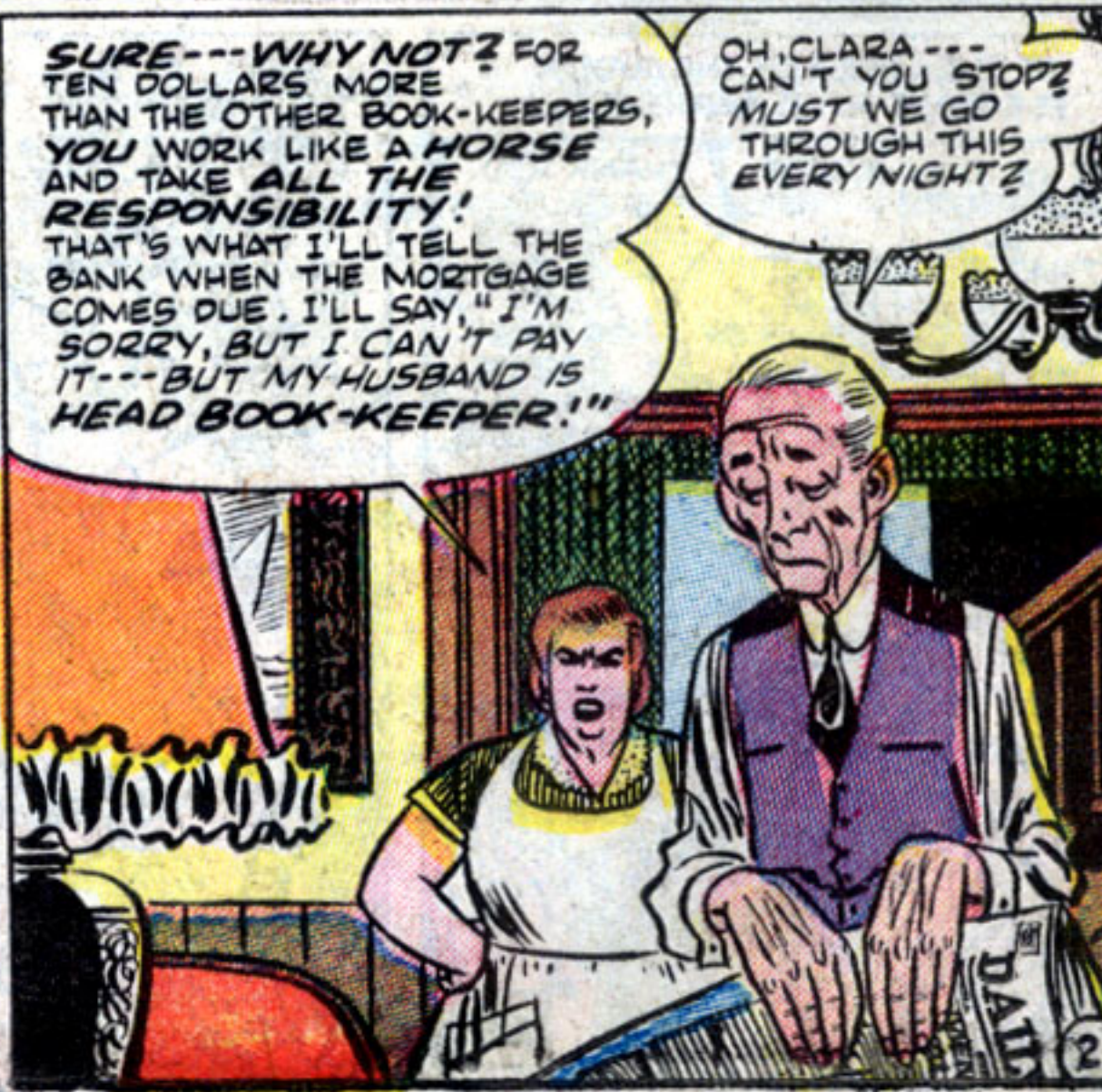
EVERYTHING'S OVER-COOKED. SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR COMING HOME LATE!

NOW, CLARA--- THAT'S NOT FAIR. I DID GET A BONUS CHRISTMAS AND A FIVE DOLLAR A WEEK RAISE. BY THE WAY, THERE'S A JOB OPEN IN THE WRAPPING ROOM--- FOR YOUR COUSIN ALFRED. IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT THERE'S A FUTURE IN THE STORE---



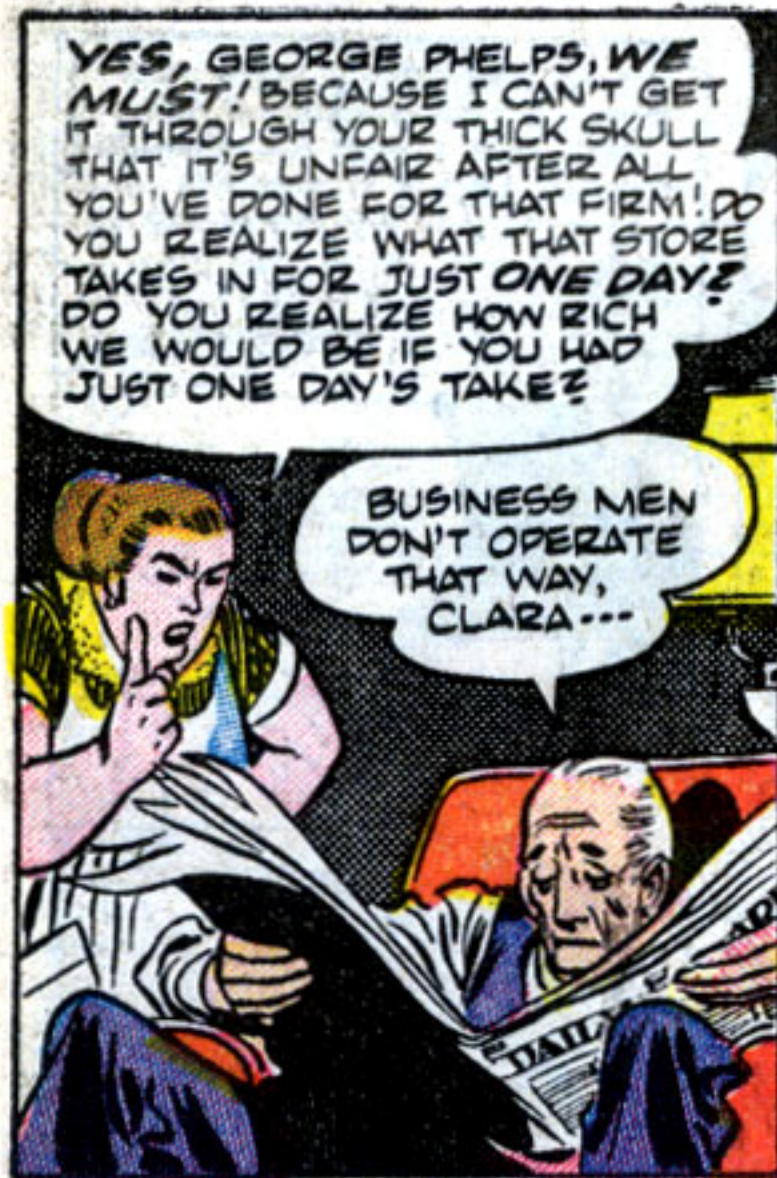
JUST LIKE THE "BIG" FUTURE THEY PROMISED YOU, I SUPPOSE. YEARS OF SLAVING, DAY AND NIGHT--- AND WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SHOW FOR IT, HAH? DID THEY EVER OFFER TO PAY YOU FOR ALL THE HOURS YOU'VE PUT IN ON OVERTIME? **DID THEY?**

B-BUT CLARA--- I AM HEAD BOOK-KEEPER.



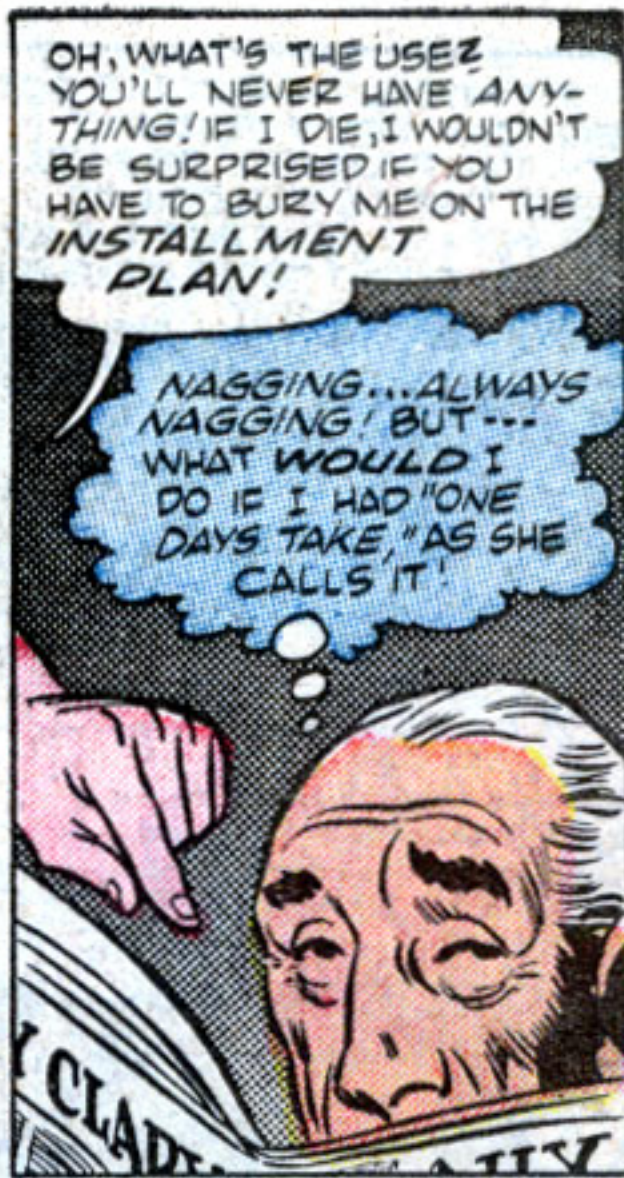
SURE--- WHY NOT? FOR TEN DOLLARS MORE THAN THE OTHER BOOK-KEEPERS, YOU WORK LIKE A HORSE AND TAKE **ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY!** THAT'S WHAT I'LL TELL THE BANK WHEN THE MORTGAGE COMES DUE. I'LL SAY, "I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T PAY IT--- BUT MY HUSBAND IS HEAD BOOK-KEEPER!"

OH, CLARA--- CAN'T YOU STOP? MUST WE GO THROUGH THIS EVERY NIGHT?



YES, GEORGE PHELPS, WE MUST! BECAUSE I CAN'T GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULL THAT IT'S UNFAIR AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR THAT FIRM! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT STORE TAKES IN FOR JUST ONE DAY? DO YOU REALIZE HOW RICH WE WOULD BE IF YOU HAD JUST ONE DAY'S TAKE?

BUSINESS MEN DON'T OPERATE THAT WAY, CLARA---



OH, WHAT'S THE USE? YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANYTHING! IF I DIE, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU HAD TO BURY ME ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN!

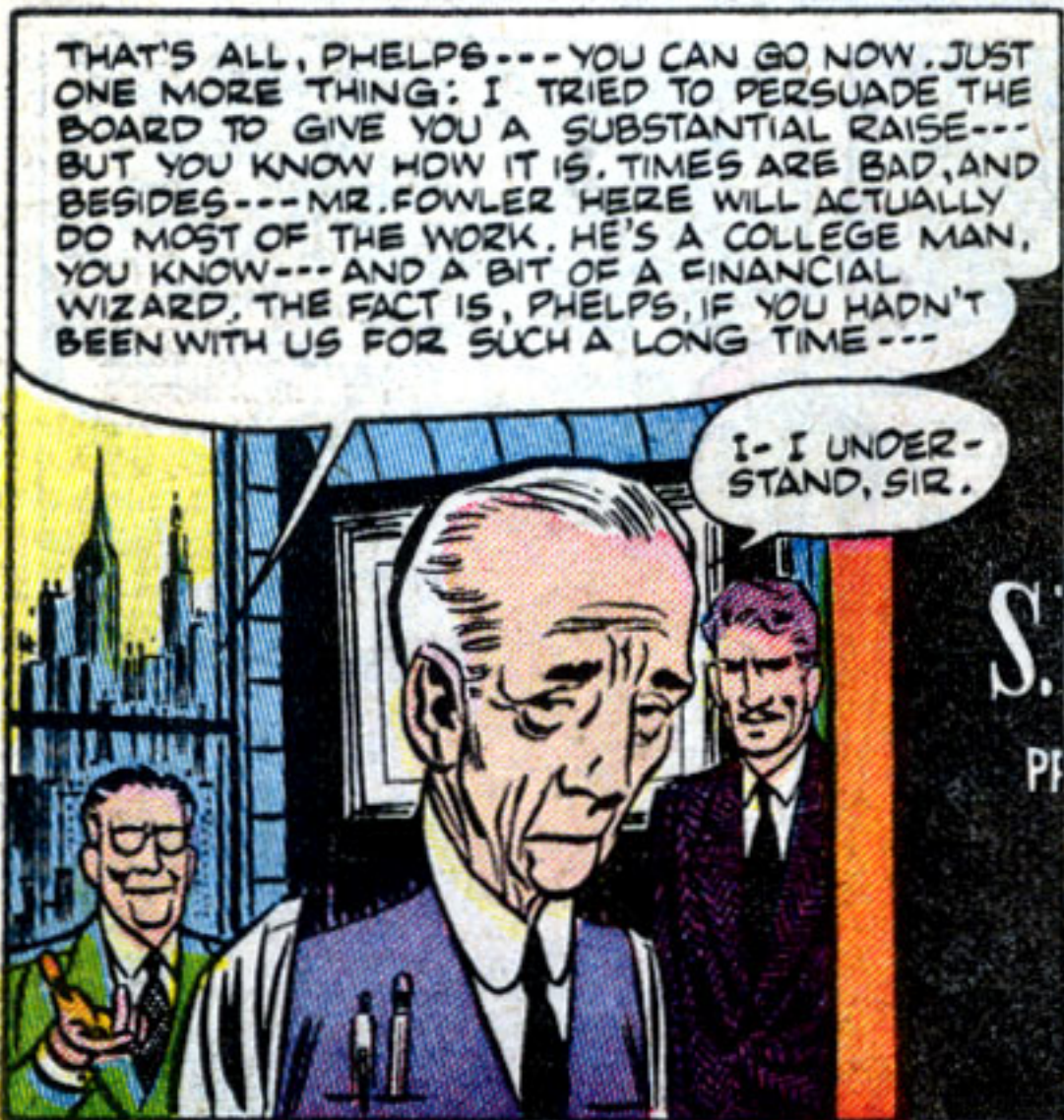
NAGGING... ALWAYS NAGGING! BUT... WHAT WOULD I DO IF I HAD "ONE DAY'S TAKE," AS SHE CALLS IT!



PHELPS, WE'RE GIVING YOU THE TITLE OF TREASURER--- BUT OF COURSE, YOUR DUTIES WILL BE MUCH THE SAME AS THEY WERE. WE'VE HIRED MR. FOWLER HERE, TO HANDLE ALL THE EXECUTIVE WORK AS ASSISTANT TREASURER.

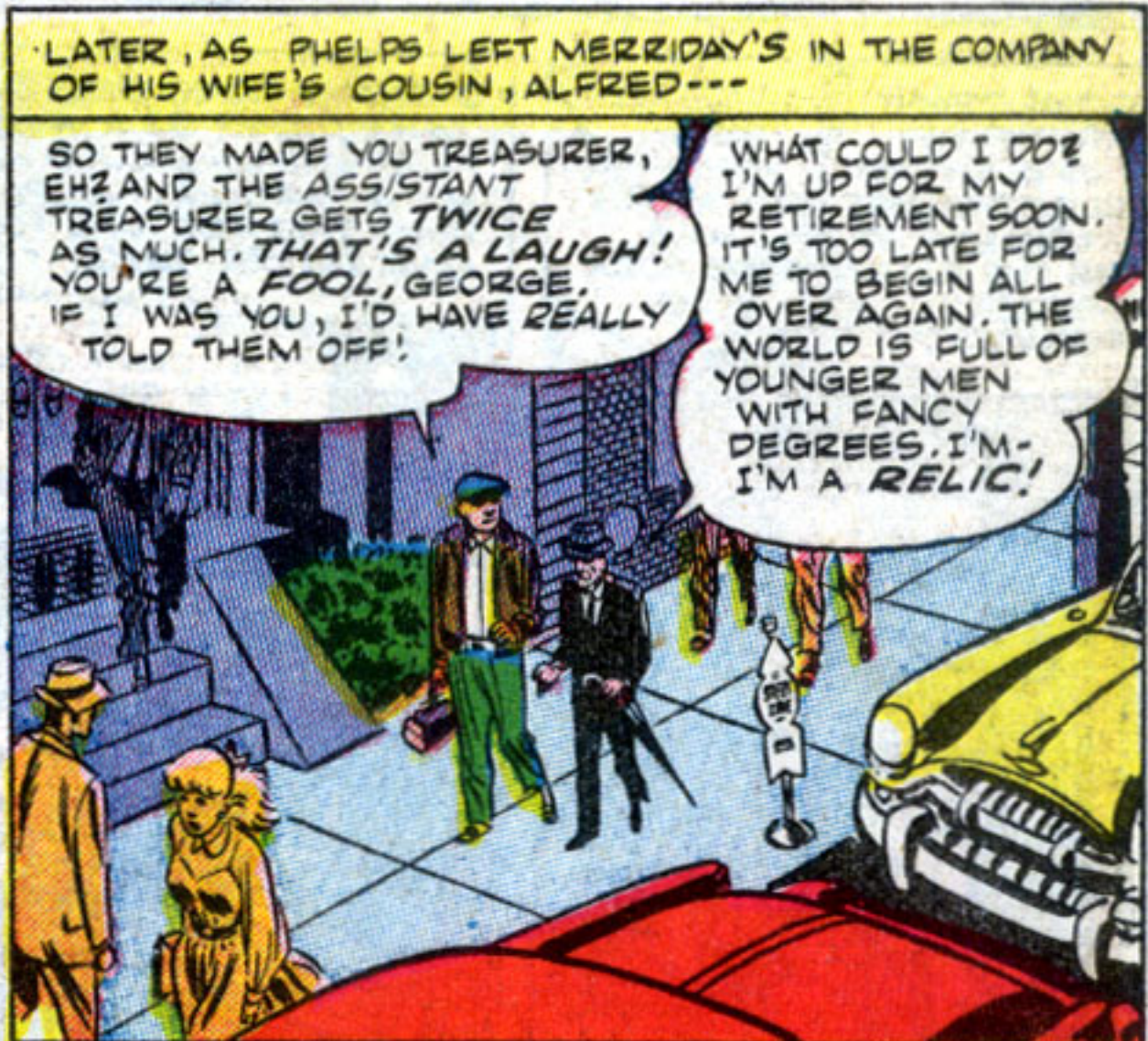
HOW DO YOU DO. GLAD TO MEET YOU.

HELLO.



THAT'S ALL, PHELPS--- YOU CAN GO NOW. JUST ONE MORE THING: I TRIED TO PERSUADE THE BOARD TO GIVE YOU A SUBSTANTIAL RAISE--- BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS. TIMES ARE BAD, AND BESIDES--- MR. FOWLER HERE WILL ACTUALLY DO MOST OF THE WORK. HE'S A COLLEGE MAN, YOU KNOW--- AND A BIT OF A FINANCIAL WIZARD. THE FACT IS, PHELPS, IF YOU HADN'T BEEN WITH US FOR SUCH A LONG TIME---

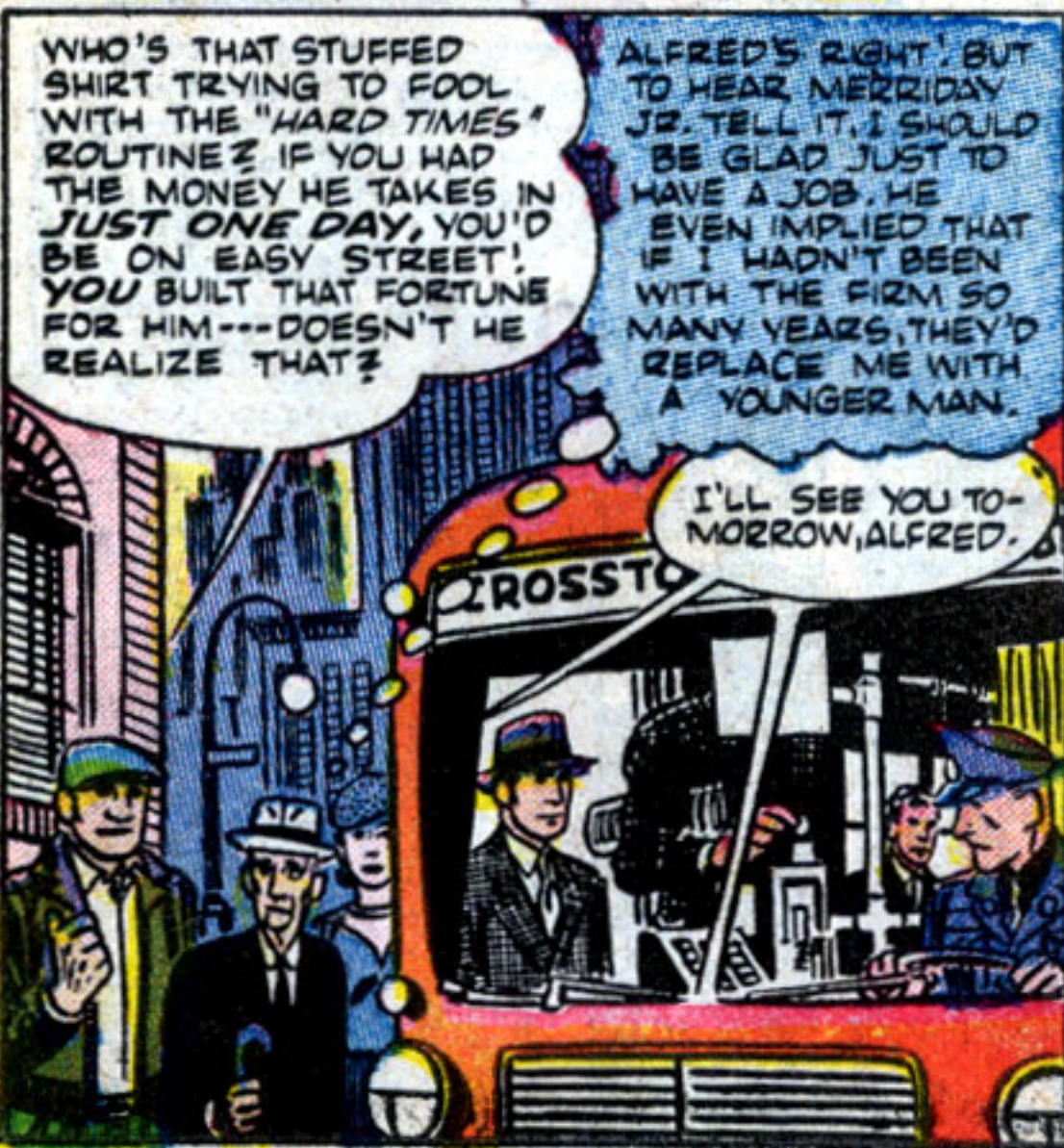
I- I UNDERSTAND, SIR.



LATER, AS PHELPS LEFT MERRIDAY'S IN THE COMPANY OF HIS WIFE'S COUSIN, ALFRED---

SO THEY MADE YOU TREASURER, EH? AND THE ASSISTANT TREASURER GETS TWICE AS MUCH. THAT'S A LAUGH! YOU'RE A FOOL, GEORGE. IF I WAS YOU, I'D HAVE REALLY TOLD THEM OFF!

WHAT COULD I DO? I'M UP FOR MY RETIREMENT SOON. IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME TO BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN. THE WORLD IS FULL OF YOUNGER MEN WITH FANCY DEGREES. I'M--- I'M A RELIC!



WHO'S THAT STUFFED SHIRT TRYING TO FOOL WITH THE "HARD TIMES" ROUTINE? IF YOU HAD THE MONEY HE TAKES IN JUST ONE DAY, YOU'D BE ON EASY STREET! YOU BUILT THAT FORTUNE FOR HIM--- DOESN'T HE REALIZE THAT?

ALFRED'S RIGHT! BUT TO HEAR MERRIDAY JR. TELL IT, I SHOULD BE GLAD JUST TO HAVE A JOB. HE EVEN IMPLIED THAT IF I HADN'T BEEN WITH THE FIRM SO MANY YEARS, THEY'D REPLACE ME WITH A YOUNGER MAN.

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, ALFRED.



I'M NOT TRYING TO EXCUSE OR JUSTIFY PHELPS FOR WHAT HE DID THAT CHRISTMAS, MR. MAYOR. I ONLY GAVE YOU THE BACKGROUND, BECAUSE OTHERWISE, HIS CRIME WOULD BE COMPLETELY ALIEN TO HIS HISTORY AND CHARACTER. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE NEVER SUSPECTED HIM---

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. PHELPS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HENRY.

A FINE CHRISTMAS THIS IS--- CLARA SICK. NO MONEY FOR THE DOCTOR BILLS. NO SAVINGS. I'D SPEAK TO MR. MERRIDAY, BUT--- OH, WHAT'S THE USE?

LATER, AT THE END OF THE DAY---
CHRISTMAS EVE---

PHELPS, THIS CHRISTMAS
RUSH HAS PUT US
AWAY BEHIND WITH
THE BOOKS. AFRAID
YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK
LATE. HERE ARE THE
KEYS---YOU CAN
LOCK UP, IF I DON'T
GET BACK IN TIME.

...B-BUT
MR. FOWLER,
I PROMISED
MY WIFE---
SHE DOESN'T
FEEL WELL,
AND---

I'D DO IT MYSELF---BUT I'VE GOT
TO GO TO A VERY IMPORTANT
PARTY. I'LL PROBABLY BE BACK
AROUND TWELVE O'CLOCK TO
CHECK WITH YOU AND GET THE KEYS
BACK. YOU OUGHT TO BE FINISHED
BY THEN. GOODNIGHT.

G-GOODNIGHT,
MR. FOWLER.

SO YOU'RE STUCK WITH THE
DIRTY WORK AGAIN--- AS
USUAL. IF I HAD ANYTHING
TO SAY ABOUT IT, THEY'D
MAKE YOU A **PARTNER** IN
THIS PLACE. THE WAY YOU
WORK. WELL, I'D BETTER
HURRY. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

GOODNIGHT,
ALEX. MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU.

GOING DOWN,
MR. PHELPS?
THIS IS MY LAST
TRIP. OTHERWISE
YOU'LL HAVE TO
USE THE SELF-
SERVICE
ELEVATOR.

THAT'S ALL
RIGHT,
HENRY---
RUN ALONG.
I HAVE
SOME WORK
TO DO.

ONE DAY'S TAKE! ONE DAY'S
TAKE! DON'T BE A FOOL,
PHELPS! THEY SHOULD HAVE MADE
YOU A PARTNER, PHELPS. YOU
BUILT THAT FORTUNE FOR THEM!
ONE DAY'S TAKE---

I-I CAN'T CONCENTRATE.
LET'S SEE --- 2107
PLUS 3604 PLUS--

TAKE IT! IT BELONGS TO
YOU! ONE DAY'S TAKE---NO
ONE WILL SEE YOU. NO ONE'S
HERE. THE WATCHMAN GOES OFF
DUTY AT TEN P.M., AND EVERY-
THINGS AUTOMATIC.

BUT I CAN'T! FOWLER
IS COMING BACK.
HE'LL KNOW I DID
IT... UNLESS---
UNLESS---

ELEVEN O'CLOCK ---

I'M ALMOST THROUGH. I CAN
LEAVE THE MONEY IN HERE
UNTIL EVERYTHING BLOWS OVER.
---AND THEY WON'T FIND ANY
MONEY ON ME!

---ELEVEN FORTY FIVE---

THERE! NOW IT'S SECURE.
MY NEST-EGG. NO ONE WILL
EVER DREAM OF LOOKING
FOR IT IN HERE. RIGHT UNDER
THEIR NOSES, AND SAFE AS IT
COULD BE. I'LL WATCH OVER
IT MYSELF. EVERY DAY I'LL
WATCH OVER IT.

--- SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ---

ARE YOU IN THERE,
PHELPS? I'M BACK.
ARE YOU FINISHED?

ALMOST
FINISHED, MR.
FOWLER---
ALMOST!
THERE'S JUST
ONE MORE
THING I HAVE
TO DO...

LUCK WAS WITH PHELPS. NOT EVEN A CASUAL PASSER-BY SAW HIM LEAVE THE BUILDING WITH HIS GRUESOME BUNDLE. HE TOOK THE BODY TO THE SITE OF THE OLD ABANDONED SCHOOL-HOUSE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN.

GOOD THING I BROUGHT MY CAR TO WORK WITH ME TODAY. NO ONE EVER COMES OUT HERE. MONDAY, WHEN FOWLER ISN'T IN THE OFFICE, THEY'LL THINK HE RAN AWAY WITH THE MONEY. IT'S A PERFECT PLAN!



I ASSIGNED C. B. TO THE CASE. THE NEXT DAY---

AS I TOLD YOU, I WAS ALONE UNTIL MR. FOWLER CAME BACK FROM THE PARTY. I HAD JUST FINISHED MY WORK. I ASKED MR. FOWLER IF HE WANTED ME TO STAY, BUT HE SAID NO.

MR. PHELPS HAS BEEN WITH OUR FIRM FOR YEARS. I'LL PERSONALLY VOUCH FOR HIM.

FOWLER IS THE MAN WE WANT. HE'S THE ONE WHO TOOK THE \$175,000.00!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, C. B.? SURE LOOKS AS IF FOWLER PULLED A FAST ONE, DOESN'T IT?

EITHER THAT--- OR PHELPS IS LYING. OR ELSE THERE WAS A THIRD PARTY INVOLVED: SOMEONE WHO HID IN THE STORE UNTIL AFTER PHELPS LEFT--- THEN KILLED FOWLER AND HID HIS BODY.



BUT WHY WAIT FOR FOWLER? IF IT WAS A THIRD PARTY, HE COULD'VE TAKEN THE MONEY FROM PHELPS. AND PHELPS WOULD'VE BEEN EASIER TO HANDLE.

--- UNLESS PHELPS WAS IN ON IT. PHELPS HAS A COUSIN IN THE STORE. MAYBE THE TWO OF THEM PLANNED IT. IT'S A LEAD, ANYHOW.

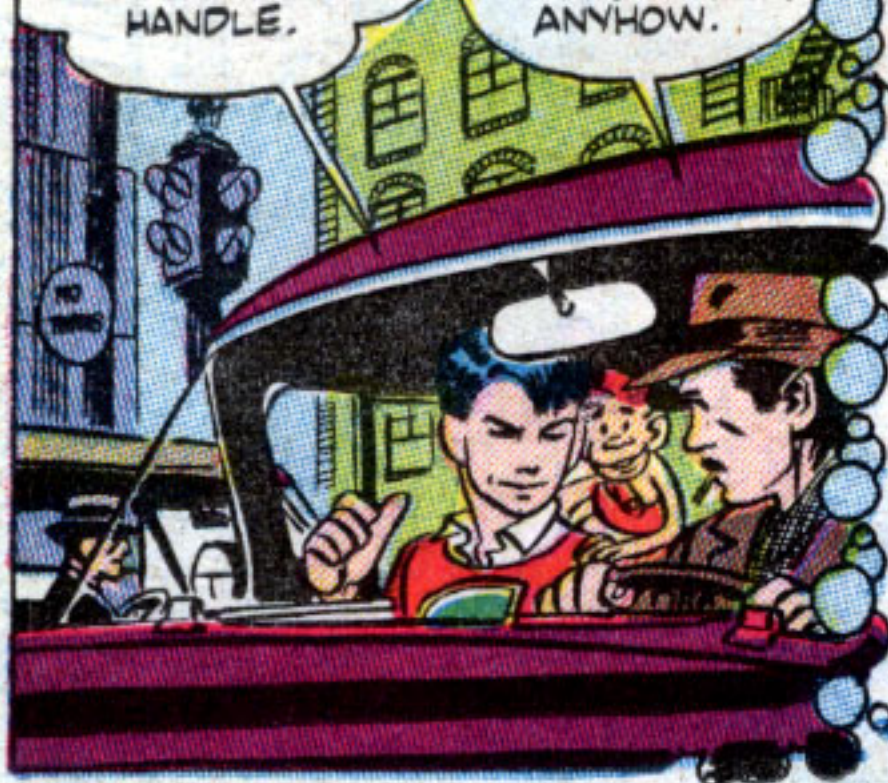
THE SEARCH FOR FOWLER CONTINUED. IN THE MEANTIME, C. B. PROCEEDED TO WORK ON HIS THEORY OF POSSIBLE MURDER. A FEW DAYS LATER, IN PHELPS' OFFICE---

WE'LL TAKE THIS HAMMER DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND HAVE IT TESTED FOR BLOODSTAINS. INCIDENTALLY, WE'D BETTER TAKE THAT LETTER-OPENER TOO, MR. PHELPS.

ER---YES, CERTAINLY. B-BUT WHY DO--?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED AS A WEAPON. JUST ROUTINE.

GOOD THING I HID THE ONE I USED ON FOWLER.



MONTHS PASSED AND NOTHING TURNED UP. THE INSURANCE PEOPLE, SATISFIED THAT FOWLER HAD TAKEN THE MONEY, PAID THE DAMAGES. TO THEM, THE CASE WAS CLOSED.

IT'S PERFECTLY OBVIOUS THAT FOWLER DID IT, AND GOT AWAY. WE HAVE NO REAL REASON TO QUESTION PHELPS' INTEGRITY. WHY DO YOU STILL THINK FOWLER DIDN'T DO IT, C. B.?

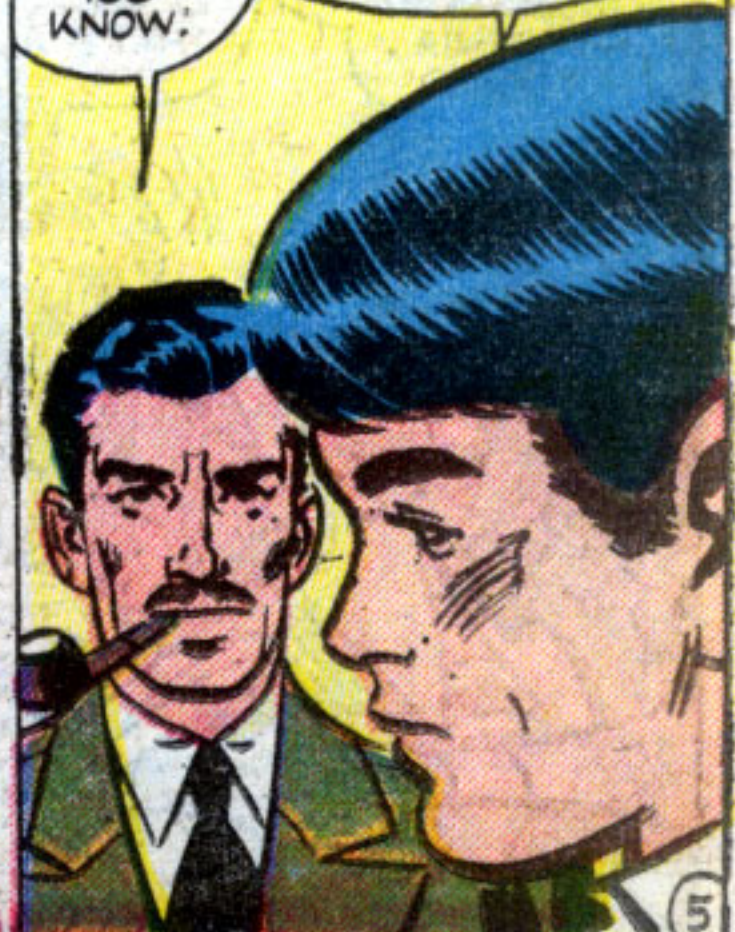
JUST SOMETHING I READ IN THE PAPERS SOME TIME AGO. A LADY LOST HER WALLET WITH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. A MAN NAMED FOWLER FOUND IT. HE RETURNED IT, BUT REFUSED THE REWARD MONEY.

MAYBE HE DIDN'T NEED IT. MAYBE HE WAS RICH, THEN.

HE WAS WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH SCHOOL. HE REFUSED THE REWARD BECAUSE HE COULDN'T SEE WHY A CITIZEN SHOULD GET PAID FOR DOING HIS ORDINARY DUTY.

WELL--- MAYBE, BUT A GUY CAN CHANGE YOU KNOW.

THAT'S TRUE. BUT NOT THAT MUCH. NOT FROM DEEP INSIDE. BASICS DON'T CHANGE.



AFTER THAT, C. B. PRACTICALLY LIVED AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

YOU HERE AGAIN, SHERLOCK JR.? WHO ARE YOU PLAYING TWENTY QUESTIONS WITH TODAY? WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND LEAVE US ALONE?

SORRY... BUT I'VE GOT A LOT OF SHOPPING TO DO. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

FINALLY, IN MY OFFICE ---

C.B., WE HAVEN'T TURNED UP A SHRED OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR THEORY OF MURDER. I'M PUTTING THIS CASE IN THE "UNSOLVED" FILE ---

ALL RIGHT, LOOVER. BUT, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'M GOING TO CONTINUE MY INVESTIGATION. AT LEAST UNTIL I'M PROVEN WRONG!

EVEN THE BOYS IN THE DEPARTMENT STARTED KIDDING C. B. ...

HOW IS THE MERRIDAY CASE COMING, C. B.? ANY NEW CLUES?

ANOTHER TEN YEARS OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD CONVINCE YOU FOWLER DID IT.

BUT C. B. CONTINUED TO FIND THINGS THAT MADE SENSE TO HIM. FROM MRS. PHELPS ---

HE HAS NO BACK-BONE! THAT'S WHY WE NEVER HAVE ANYTHING NEW --- AND WE'LL HAVE EVEN LESS WHEN HE RETIRES. HE LETS PEOPLE STEP ON HIM. I'VE BEEN TELLING HIM FOR YEARS, BUT HE IGNORES ME.

THANK YOU, MRS. PHELPS. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL.

SHE COULD NAG ANYBODY INTO ANYTHING! ONE THING'S CLEAR. IF HE HAS THE MONEY, HE HASN'T USED ANY OF IT.

C. B. CAUGHT PHELPS BY SURPRISE ONE AFTERNOON, AND WATCHED HIS FACE CAREFULLY ---

HI, MR. PHELPS. I HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I THOUGHT I'D STOP AND TELL YOU THAT... I THINK WE FOUND FOWLER!

WHAT?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MR. PHELPS? YOU'RE NOT NERVOUS, ARE YOU? THEY THINK FOWLER IS IN CALIFORNIA.

NERVOUS? HA, HA! NO... I WAS JUST SURPRISED TO SEE YOU... THAT'S ALL.

HIS ACTIONS ARE THAT OF A GUILTY MAN... AS IF HE KNOWS HE'S ON THE HOOK. HE'LL NEVER MAKE A MOVE WHILE HE THINKS I'M STILL AROUND. I'LL HAVE TO WORK "UNDERGROUND" FROM NOW ON.

SOON AFTER, PHELPS WAS RETIRED. THE MONEY HAD NOT BEEN TOUCHED. BUT C. B. DIDN'T GIVE UP ---

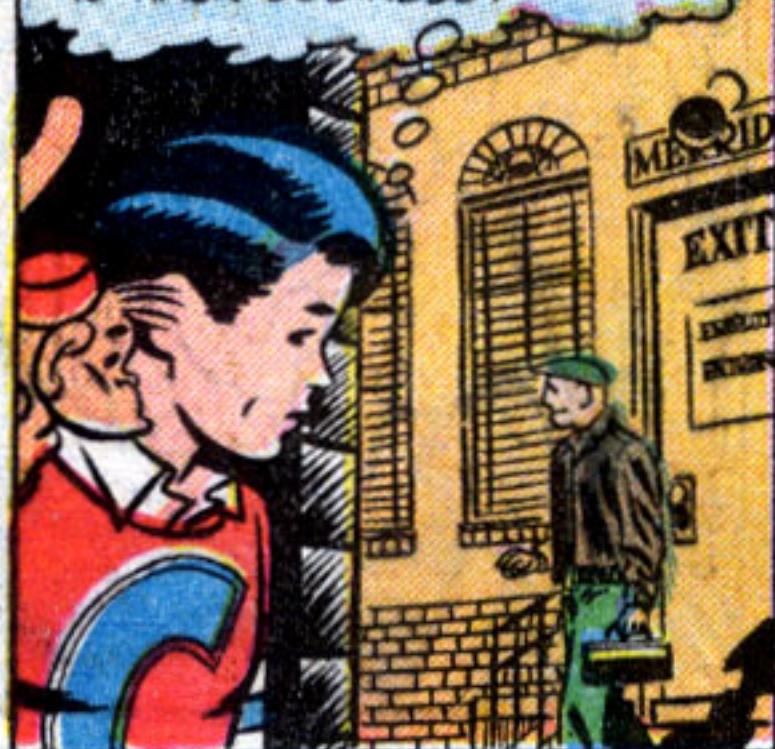
... AND SO, AS TOKEN OF MERRIDAY'S APPRECIATION OF YOUR MANY YEARS OF LOYALTY AND DEVOTION, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS GOLD WATCH.

THANK YOU, SIR.

GOOD LUCK
GEORGE PHELPS

PHELPS MOVED TO A NEIGHBORING SUBURB AND CONTINUED TO LIVE MODESTLY! C. B. KEPT HIS EYE ON ALFRED, PHELPS' COUSIN---

I STILL THINK THEY WERE WORKING TOGETHER. I HAVE A FEELING THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS, PHELPS AND ALFRED WILL GET TOGETHER TO TALK BUSINESS.



AT THE SAME TIME---

HEY, CHUCK! LOOK AT THAT DOWN THERE!

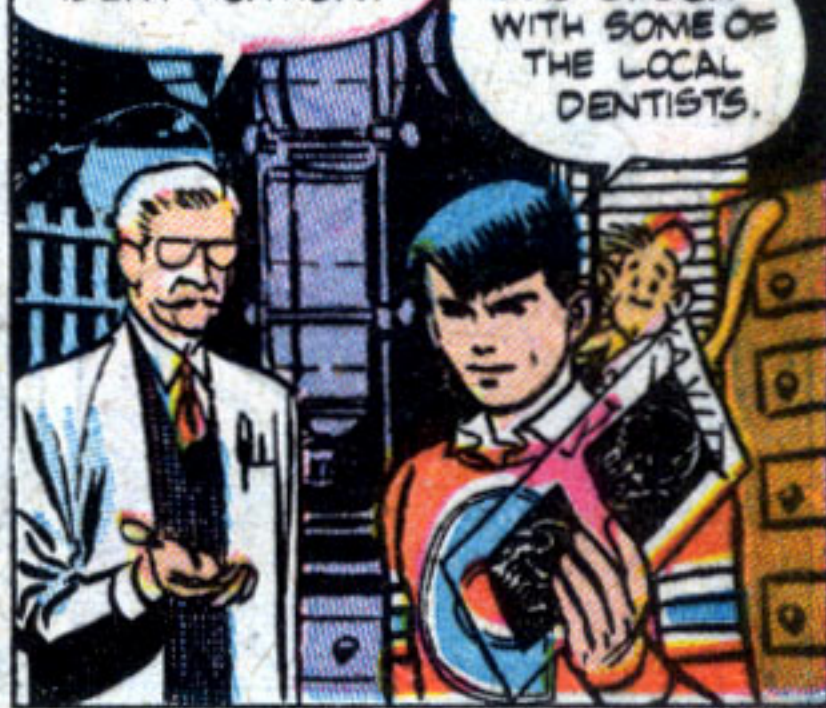
A HUMAN SKELETON!



THE POLICE LAB ---

WE EXAMINED THE REMAINS FOR MARKS OF ANY VIOLENCE. THERE WERE NONE, C. B.!

A KNIFE COULD HAVE BEEN USED, AND WOULD LEAVE NO MARK ON THE SKELETON. I'LL TAKE THIS X-RAY OF THE VICTIM'S TEETH, AND CHECK WITH SOME OF THE LOCAL DENTISTS.



NO, C.B. I NEVER DID ANY WORK LIKE THIS. MY GUESS IS, JUDGING FROM THIS X-RAY, THAT THE WORK WAS DONE AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



AFTER DAYS OF ROUTINE CHECKING--

IT'S FOWLER, ALL RIGHT. WE FINALLY FOUND THE DENTIST WHO DID THE WORK.

I MAY OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, C. B.!

YOUR "MURDER" THEORY MAY BE A CORRECT ONE. I'LL HAVE PHELPS BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTIONING.



NO, DON'T DO THAT, LOOVER. THE EVIDENCE IS STILL ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL. PHELPS HAD NO MOTIVE, UNLESS WE CAN PROVE HE TOOK THE MONEY. I THINK I HAVE A BETTER IDEA---

LET'S HEAR IT---



RELEASE THE STORY TO THE PRESS THAT A BODY HAS BEEN FOUND, BUT NOT IDENTIFIED. PHELPS WILL SEE IT. IF HE'S GUILTY, HE'LL GO FOR THE MONEY BEFORE FOWLER'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED.

IF HE PANICS, HE WILL --- OTHERWISE, HE'LL REALIZE HE'S STILL SAFE. NO JURY COULD CONVICT HIM ON WHAT WE HAVE. IT'S WELL WORTH THE CHANCE.



C. B.'S KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR TURNED OUT TO BE CORRECT---

WHY, GEORGE --- I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF?

ALFRED, I MUST SPEAK TO YOU --- ALONE! IT'S TERRIBLY IMPORTANT.



A WHILE LATER ---

I'LL SPLIT IT WITH YOU. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT. YOU PRETEND TO WORK LATE. I STILL HAVE THE KEYS TO THE OFFICE.

IMAGINE THAT! AND YOU KEPT THIS SECRET ALL THIS TIME? WE COULD'VE BEEN ON EASY STREET LONG AGO, IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO AFRAID OF THAT AMATEUR DETECTIVE-- C. B.!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT---

HERE IT IS! JUST LIKE HE SAID, HALF OF IT IS ONLY \$77,500. I COULD GO THROUGH THAT IN ONLY A FEW YEARS OF REAL LIVING. I SHOULD HAVE MORE---I TOOK ALL THE CHANCES!

LATER, AT THE PHELPS' HOUSE---

THAT'S ONLY TEN THOUSAND, ALFRED. WHERE'S THE REST?

THERE WAS ONLY TWENTY THOUSAND. SOMEONE ELSE MUST'VE FOUND IT FIRST.

YOU'RE LYING--
YOU'RE LYING!

IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A PENNY! AND IF I OPEN MY MOUTH, YOU'LL GO TO JAIL!--- BETTER TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET.

I WAITED ALL THESE YEARS FOR THAT MONEY. EVERYONE ALWAYS USED ME AND TOOK THINGS FROM ME---IT'S MINE! IT'S ALL MY MONEY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THE ONLY THING I EVER HAD! IT BELONGS TO ME! I DIDN'T STEAL IT---I EARNED IT! THEY-THEY THOUGHT I WAS A FOOL! SHE NAGGED ME--- BUT I SHOWED THEM ALL!

YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A LUNATIC, GEORGE!

DON'T, GEORGE. S--STOP IT--- YOU'RE CRAZY!

I KILLED FOR THIS MONEY ONCE---I'LL DO IT AGAIN!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

CRASH

C. B.!

YES, IT'S ME. AND WE HEARD YOUR CONFESSION. THIS IS THE END OF THE ROAD, PHELPS.

YOU'RE IN QUITE A JAM TOO, ALFRED. YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG QUIETLY.

Y-YES, SIR.

SO THAT'S THE STORY, MR. MAYOR. THE INSURANCE COMPANY GAVE C. B. TEN PER CENT OF THE MONEY AS REWARD. BUT HE INTENDS TO GIVE IT TO CHARITY. HE DOESN'T WANT A REWARD FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT ANY LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN SHOULD DO AS HIS DUTY. C. B. FEELS THAT NO MAN SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO LIVE IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE.

HE'S A CREDIT TO THE FORCE, LOOVER.

THE END

ROCKY AND SIMPY

in "TWO CAN PLAY AT THIS GAME"

ROCKY AND SIMPY DON'T MIND GETTING THE DIRTY JOBS...THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE OVER THERE FOR...BUT IT WAS A LITTLE TOO MUCH WHEN THE AMERICAN GANGSTER AND HIS MOB OF BANDITS TURNED OUT TO HAVE A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS... AND FATAL... DISEASE!

IF ROCKY'S DISGUISE DOESN'T FOOL 'EM, THE BIG JOKE IS ON US!

I CAUGHT THESE AMERICAN RATS SPYING ON US! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO WITH THEM?

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO—EXECUTE! LINE UP, MEN!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRG

WATCH IT, ANSON!

AAH, GO SOAK YER HEAD!

CANTEEN

BUMP!

LEMME GO, ROCKY! WHAT'S A MATTER? WHAT'D I DO? OKAY, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

DON'T GIVE ME FLABBY TALK, ANSON—YOU PICKED THE WRONG GUY TO START PUSHING AROUND! HOW ABOUT AN APOLOGY... NOW!

SO I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN IT! YA SATISFIED?

WHY DIDN'T YOU CLOBBER HIM, ROCKY?

I HATE TO HIT ANYBODY THAT YELLOW! C'MON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



GET THIS! G-2'S GOT WORD THAT GLENN ANSON IS ORDERED BACK TO THE STATES UNDER GUARD!

WOW!

I DON'T WONDER... NOBODY LIKES THAT CRUMB!



HEY, ANSON! YOU'RE IN PLENTY OF HOT WATER! THE M.P.S ARE LOOKIN' FOR YOU!

IT'S NOTHIN'... IT'S OKAY! BEAT IT!

I'D BETTER GET A.W.O.L. FAST UNLESS I WANTA GO BACK TO SING SING!



THEY'RE NOT TAKIN' ME BACK TO SERVE ANOTHER TEN YEARS FOR ROBBERY! NO SIR! SO LONG, SUCKERS!

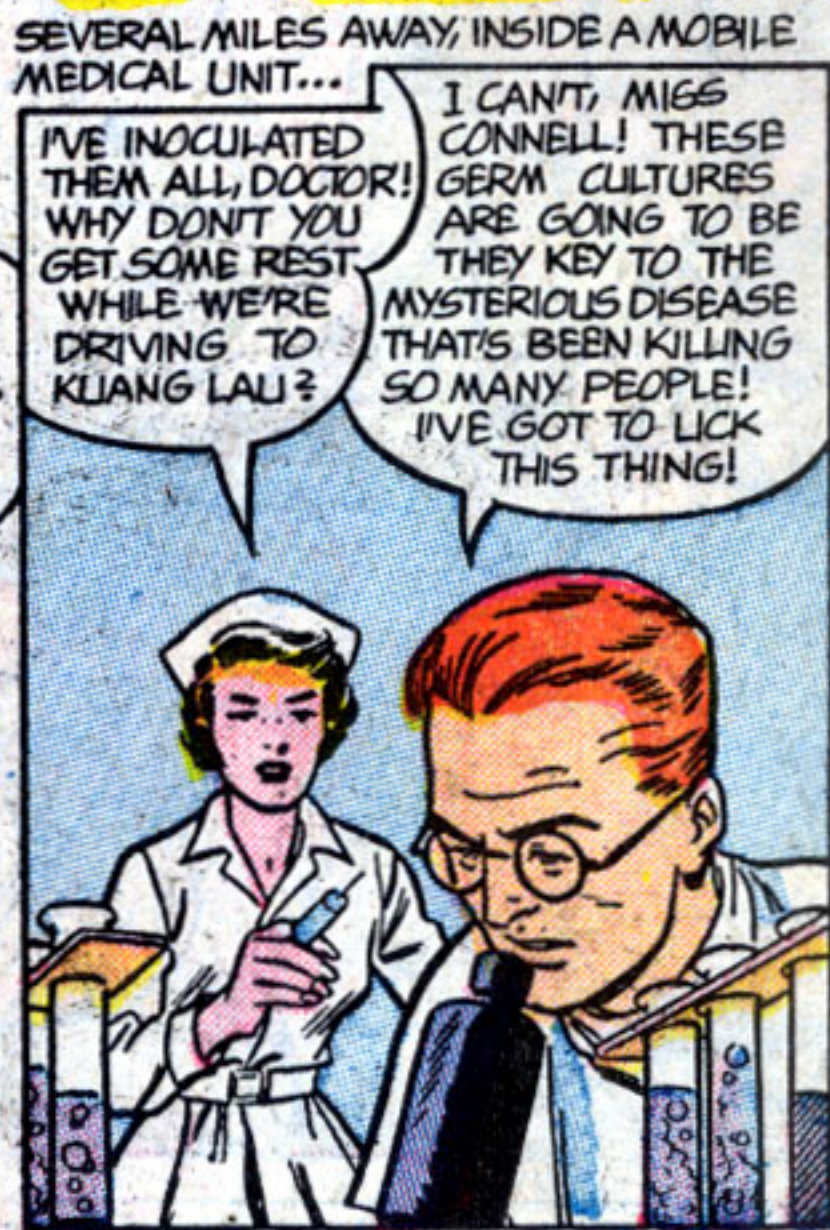


TWO WEEKS LATER...

ANY WORD ON THAT CRUMB, ANSON? HE SWIPED MY RADIO AND OTHER STUFF!

I GET SORE EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT THE WAY THAT HEEL LIED HIS WAY INTO THE CORPS!

FORGET HIM! WE'VE GOT WORD ON A BANDIT GANG THAT'S BEEN SHOOTING UP THE VILLAGES AROUND HERE!



SEVERAL MILES AWAY, INSIDE A MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT...

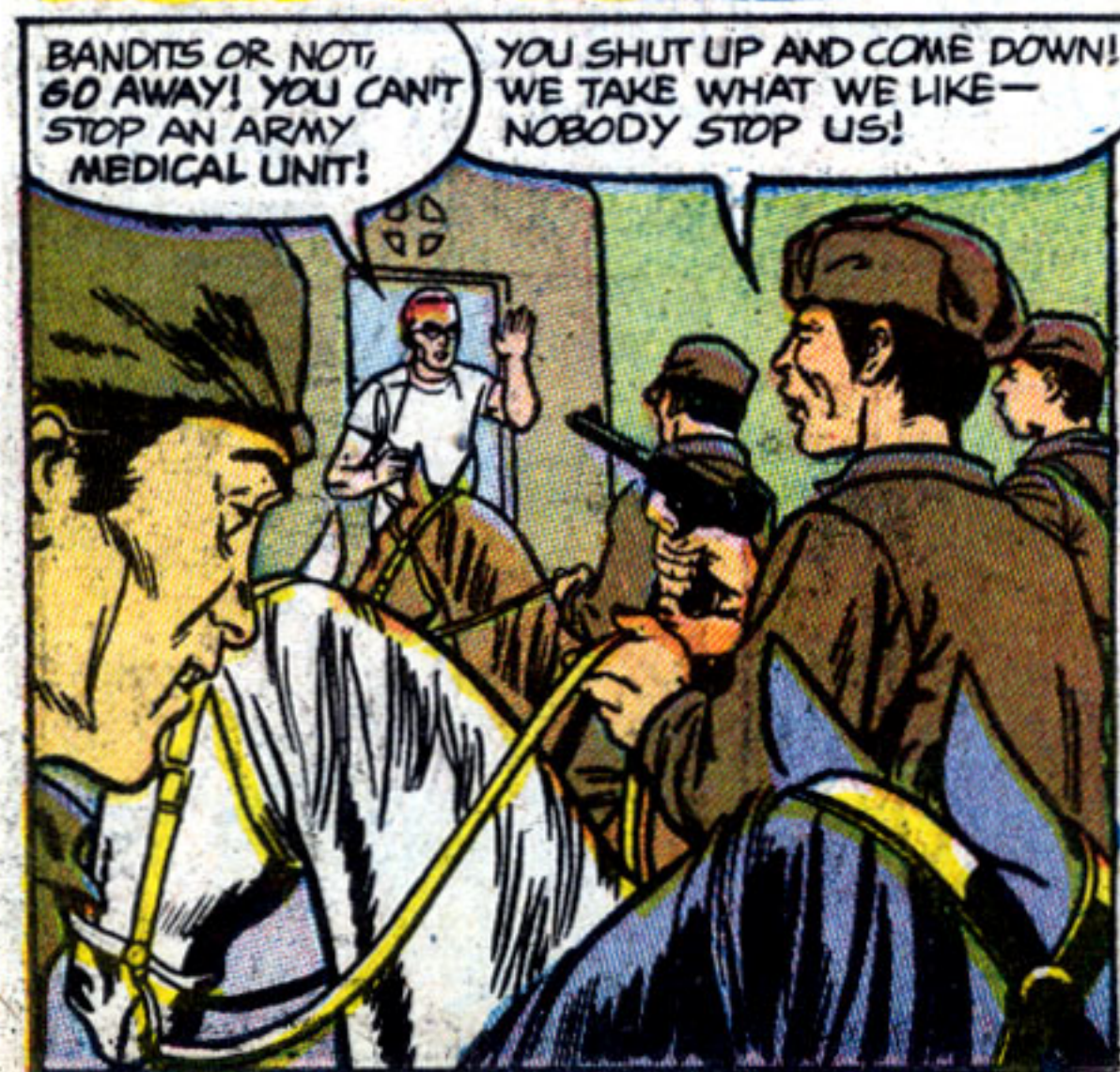
I'VE INOCULATED THEM ALL, DOCTOR! WHY DON'T YOU GET SOME REST WHILE WE'RE DRIVING TO KIANG LAU?

I CAN'T, MISS CONNELL! THESE GERM CULTURES ARE GOING TO BE THE KEY TO THE MYSTERIOUS DISEASE THAT'S BEEN KILLING SO MANY PEOPLE! I'VE GOT TO LICK THIS THING!



BE SURE AND STAY AWAY FROM THESE CULTURE SLIDES! IF THEY WERE BROKEN THESE GERMS WOULD POISON THE AIR, AND ANYBODY INSIDE THIS PLACE WOULD BE CONTAMINATED!

DON'T WORRY, DOCTOR! I... LISTEN! SHOTS!!



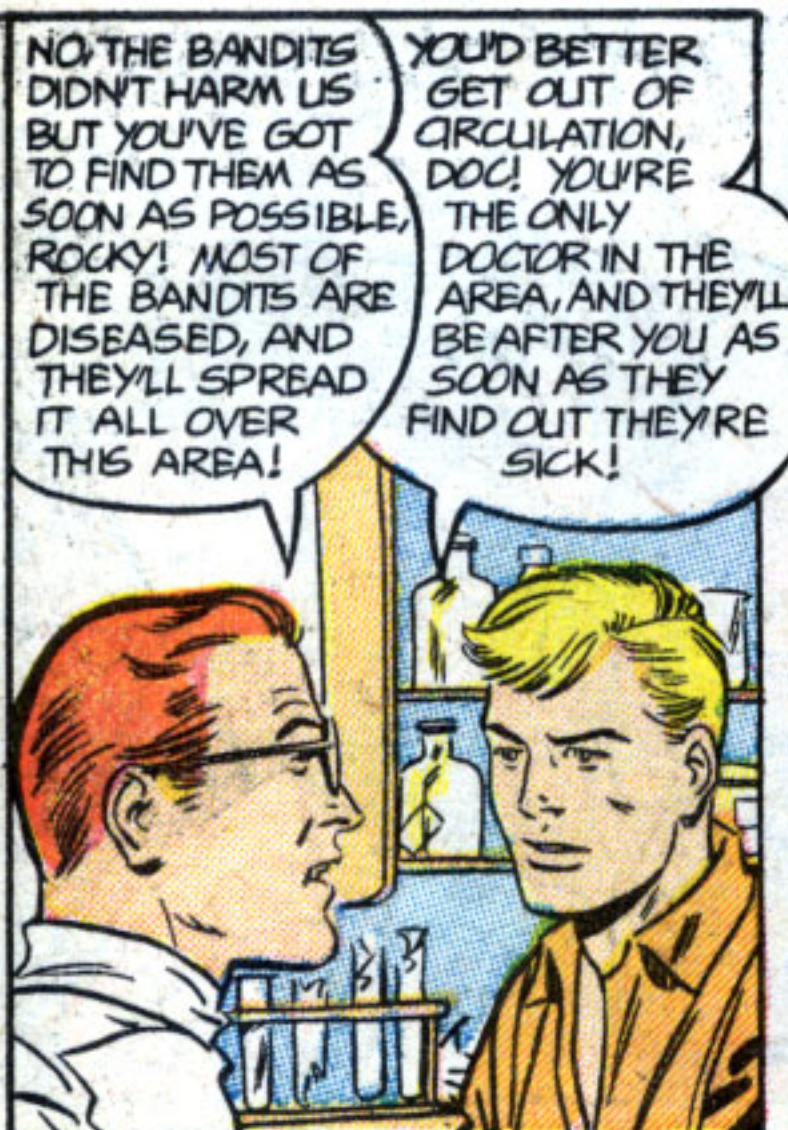
BANDITS OR NOT, GO AWAY! YOU CAN'T STOP AN ARMY MEDICAL UNIT!

YOU SHUT UP AND COME DOWN! WE TAKE WHAT WE LIKE—NOBODY STOP US!



NO! DON'T BREAK THOSE TEST TUBES—THEY CONTAIN A DEADLY DISEASE GERM!

YOU LIE! MEN BRING ALL THINGS OF VALUE WITH YOU!



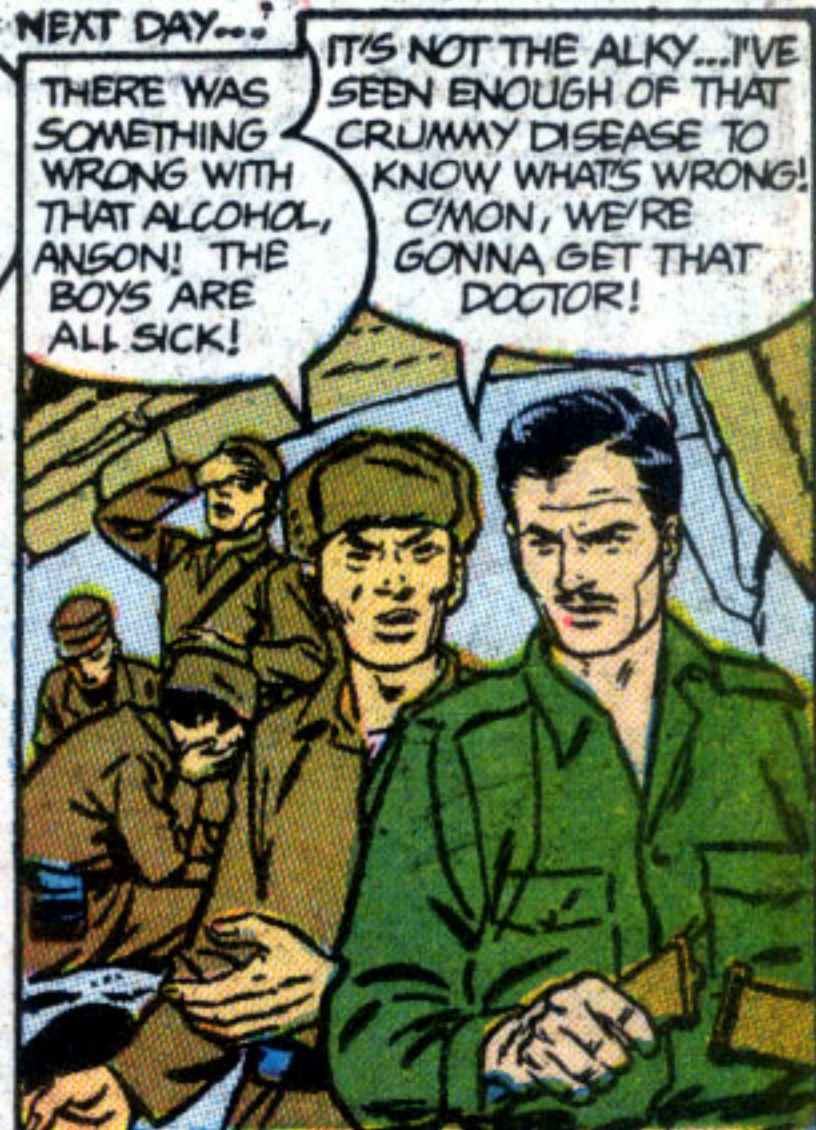
NO, THE BANDITS DIDN'T HARM US BUT YOU'VE GOT TO FIND THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ROCKY! MOST OF THE BANDITS ARE DISEASED, AND THEY'LL SPREAD IT ALL OVER THIS AREA!

YOU'D BETTER GET OUT OF CIRCULATION, DOC! YOU'RE THE ONLY DOCTOR IN THE AREA, AND THEY'LL BE AFTER YOU AS SOON AS THEY FIND OUT THEY'RE SICK!



THERE'S TOO MUCH WORK TO BE DONE FOR ME TO HIDE, ROCKY! I'LL BE CAREFUL!

OKAY, BUT YOU'D BETTER KEEP A GUN HANDY! C'MON, SIMPLY LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PICK UP THEIR TRAIL!



NEXT DAY...
THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT ALCOHOL, ANSON! THE BOYS ARE ALL SICK!

IT'S NOT THE ALKY... I'VE SEEN ENOUGH OF THAT CRUMMY DISEASE TO KNOW WHAT'S WRONG! C'MON, WE'RE GONNA GET THAT DOCTOR!



OKAY, YOU'RE NEXT... ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE...??

YES, THIS IS GUN, DOCTOR! CLIMB OUT WINDOW-QUICK!



I WON'T... UGH!!!

IF THIS WAY YOU WANT, YOU GET!



HERE, WE GET PLENTY MEDICINE, AND MUCH SERUM AND BANDAGES!

SEE—WE GETTING NURSE, TOO! WE GET GOOD TREATMENT!



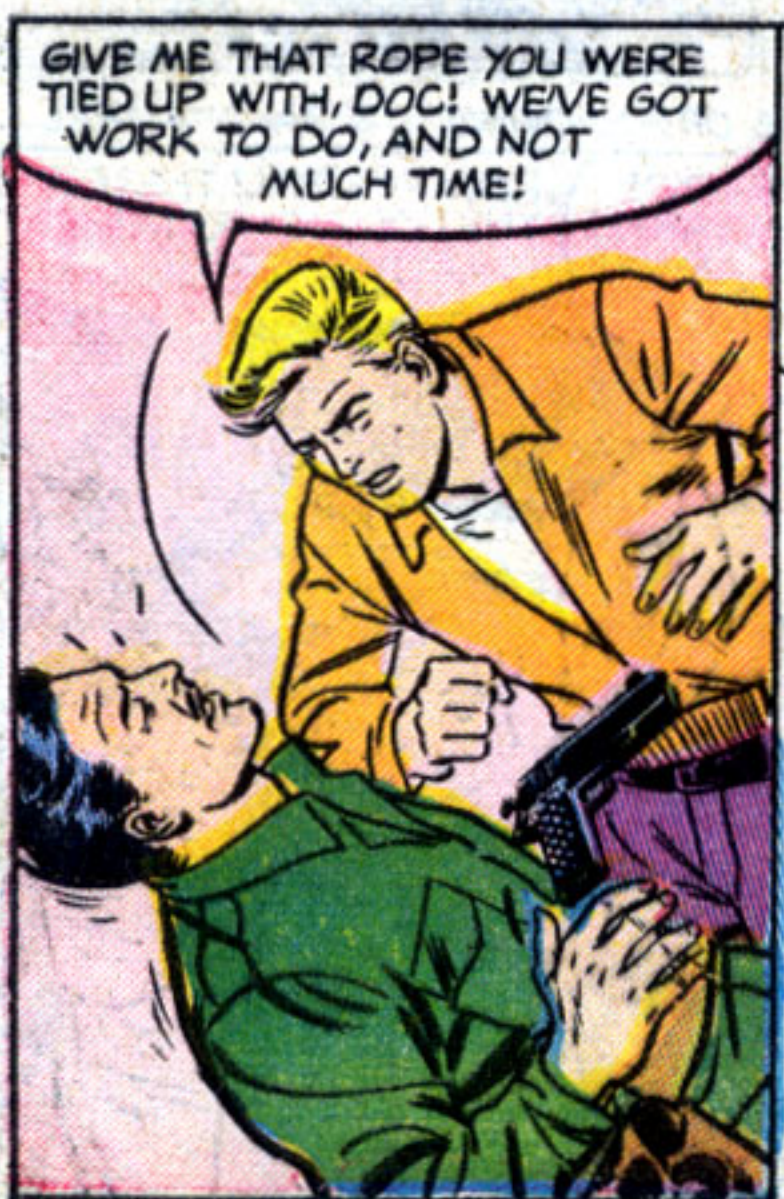
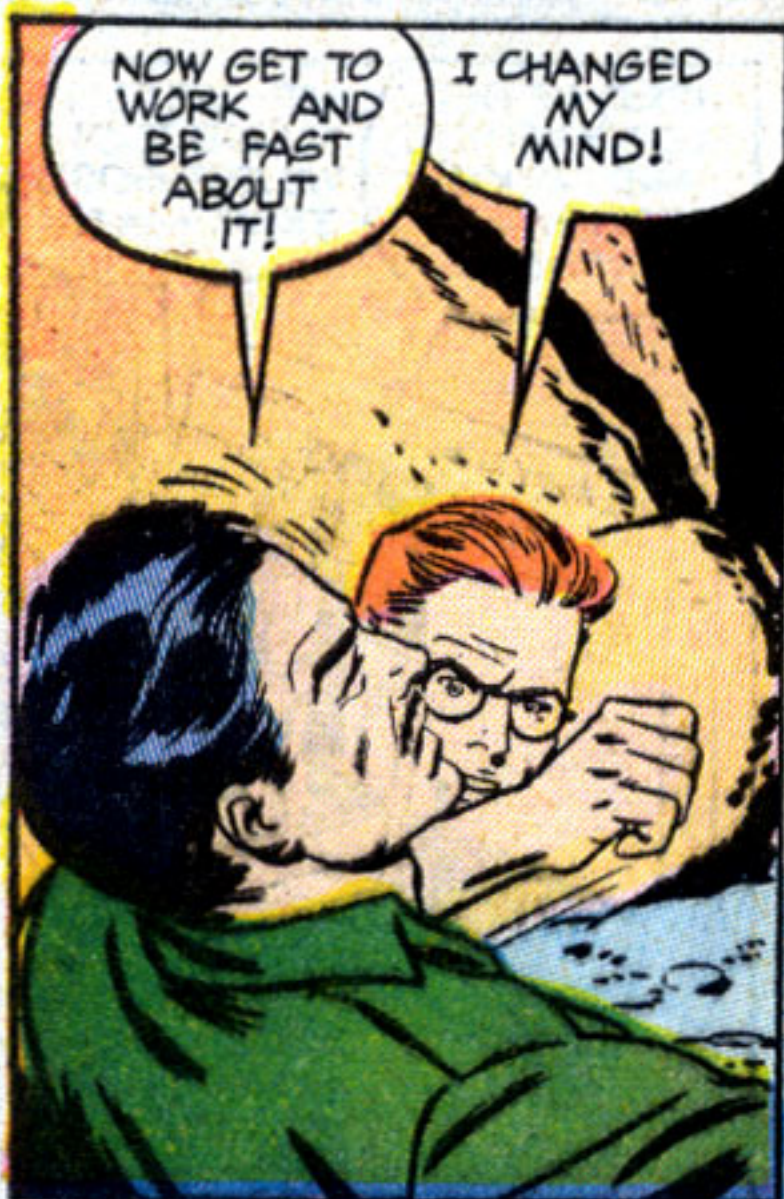
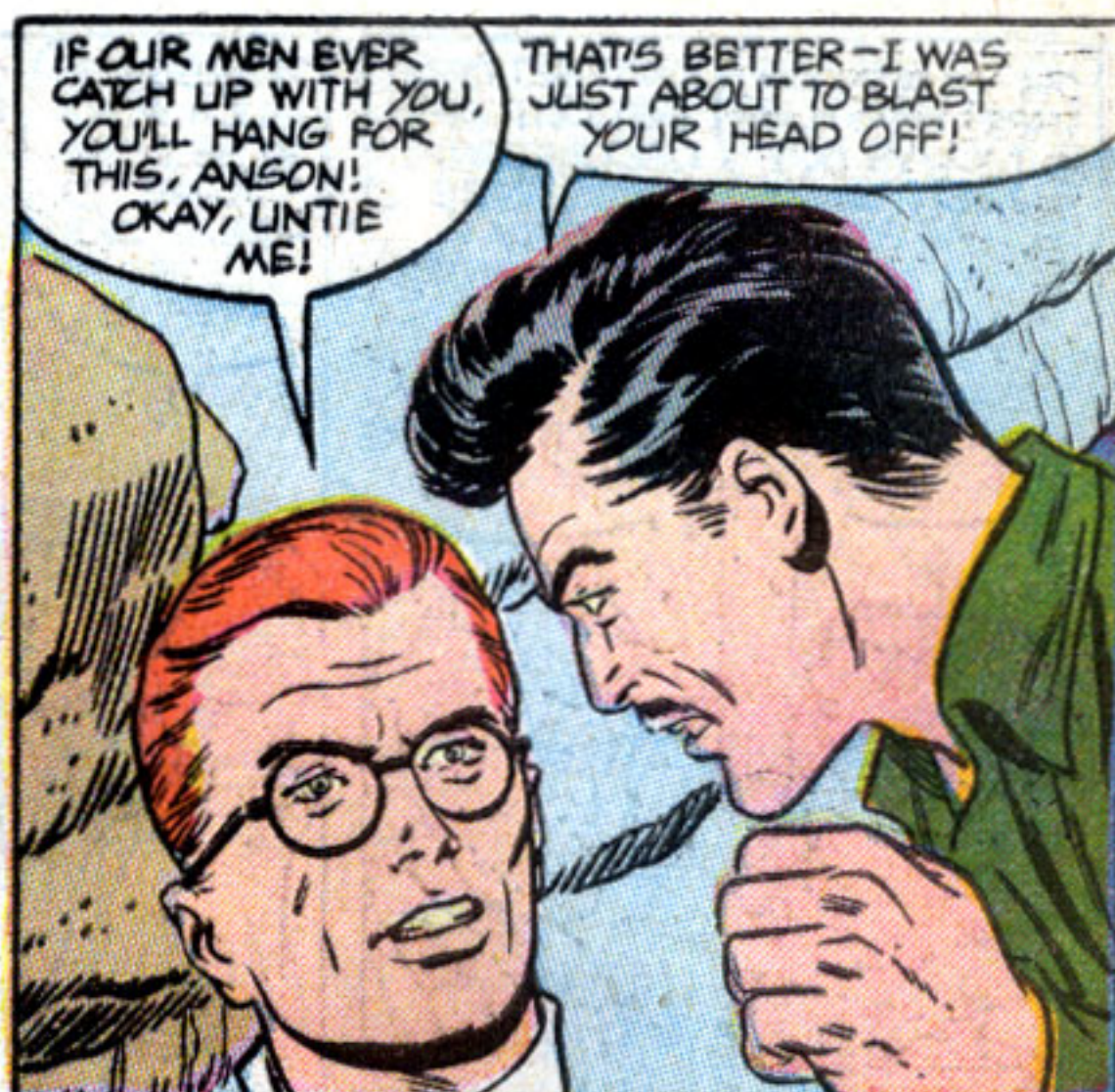
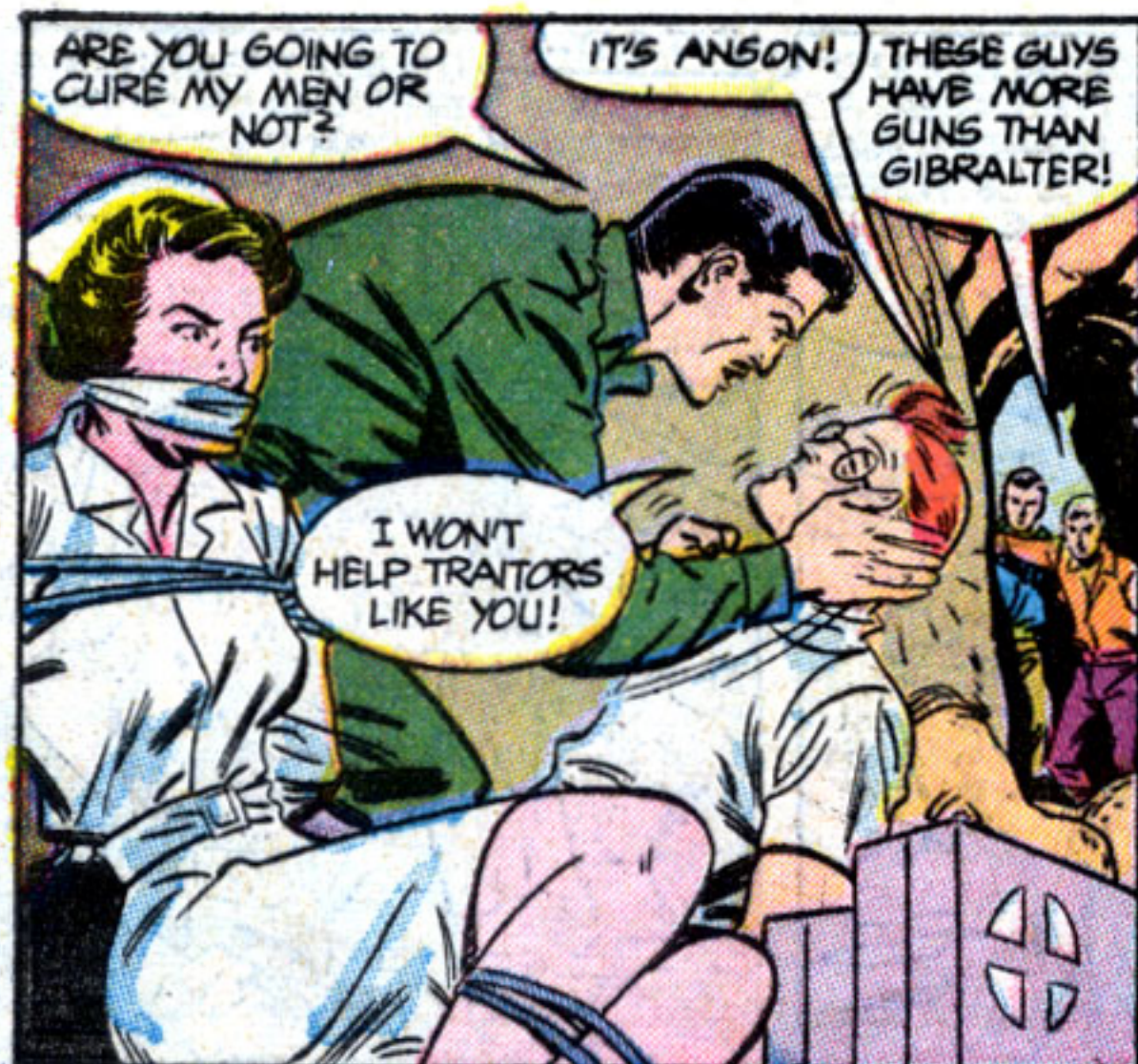
THIS MOBILE UNIT IS A WRECK! IT'S NOT HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED! I WISH THE DOC HAD LET US PUT SOME GUARDS ON HIM!

LOOK! WE'VE GOT A BREAK, ROCKY! THE GROUND'S SOFT, AND THEY LEFT A TRAIL! C'MON!



AFTER TWO HOURS OF FOLLOWING THE BANDITS' TRAIL...
HEY, THAT'S MY RADIO! AND THAT GUY'S WEARING MY SPORT SHIRT! ANSON MUST BE IN WITH THEM!

ROCKY—LOOK! THERE'S THE DOC AND HIS NURSE ALL TIED UP!





ON YOUR FEET! I JUST CAUGHT THESE TWO AMERICAN SPIES! IF I'D DEPENDED ON YOU LAZY TRAMPS THEY'D HAVE SHOT US ALL!

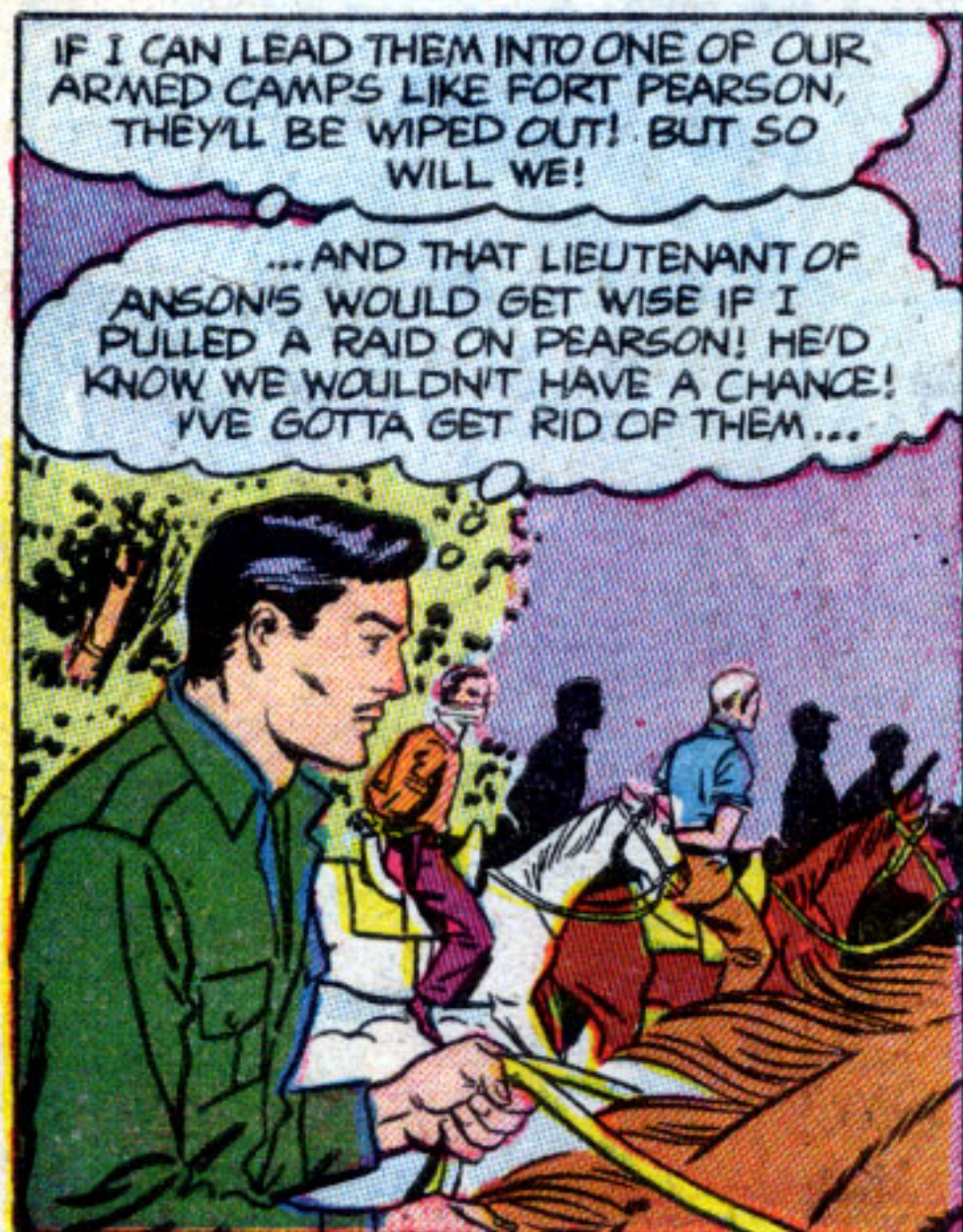
BUT NOW WE SHALL SHOOT THEM, EH?



THEY DESERVE TO BE SHOT, BUT THEY'LL BE MORE VALUABLE IF WE USE THEM AS HOSTAGES! GET ON YOUR HORSES! WE'RE GOING ON THE BIGGEST RAID WE EVER PULLED!

YES, HOSTAGES! YOU ARE VERY WISE, ANSON!

WHEW! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!



IF I CAN LEAD THEM INTO ONE OF OUR ARMED CAMPS LIKE FORT PEARSON, THEY'LL BE WIPED OUT! BUT SO WILL WE!

...AND THAT LIEUTENANT OF ANSON'S WOULD GET WISE IF I PULLED A RAID ON PEARSON! HE'D KNOW WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! I'VE GOTTA GET RID OF THEM...



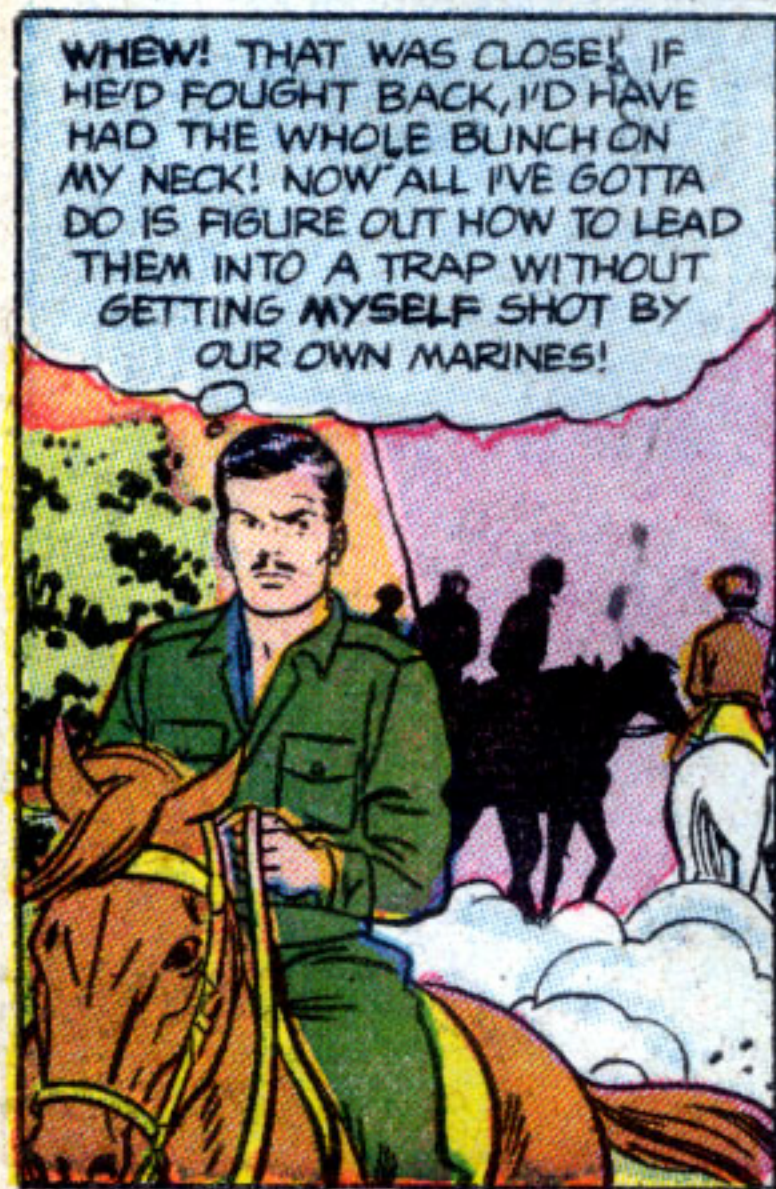
I DON'T WANT THE PRISONERS WITH US ON THIS RAID! YOU TAKE THEM OFF INTO THE HILLS! AND WAIT UNTIL I SEND FOR YOU!

NO! I NEVER MISSED A RAID I GO!



DO WHAT I TELL YOU! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF QUESTIONING MY ORDERS?

AAH! OKAY... OKAY... YOU THE BOSS!

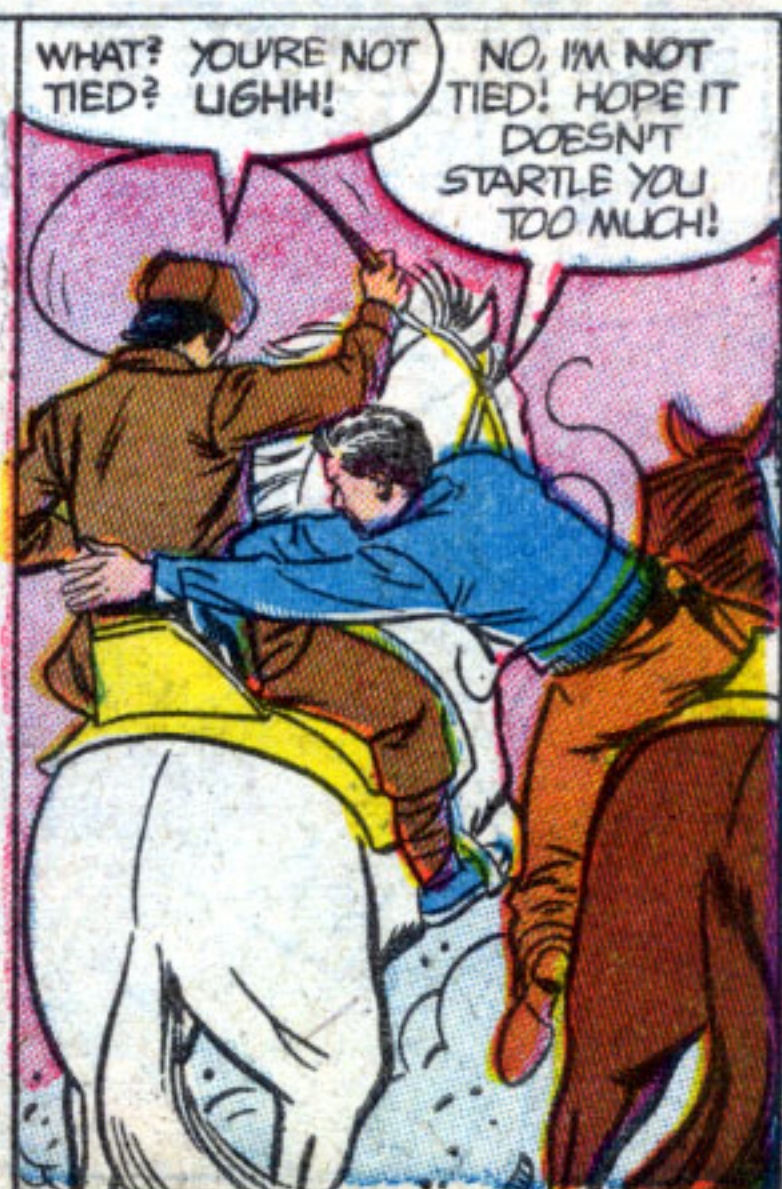


WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! IF HE'D FOUGHT BACK, I'D HAVE HAD THE WHOLE BUNCH ON MY NECK! NOW ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS FIGURE OUT HOW TO LEAD THEM INTO A TRAP WITHOUT GETTING MYSELF SHOT BY OUR OWN MARINES!



NOW THAT HE'S GONE, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I REALLY THINK OF AMERICANS!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S TAKING HIS ANGER OUT ON ME! I'LL PUT A STOP TO THAT RIGHT NOW!



WHAT? YOU'RE NOT TIED? UHH!

NO, I'M NOT TIED! HOPE IT DOESN'T STARTLE YOU TOO MUCH!

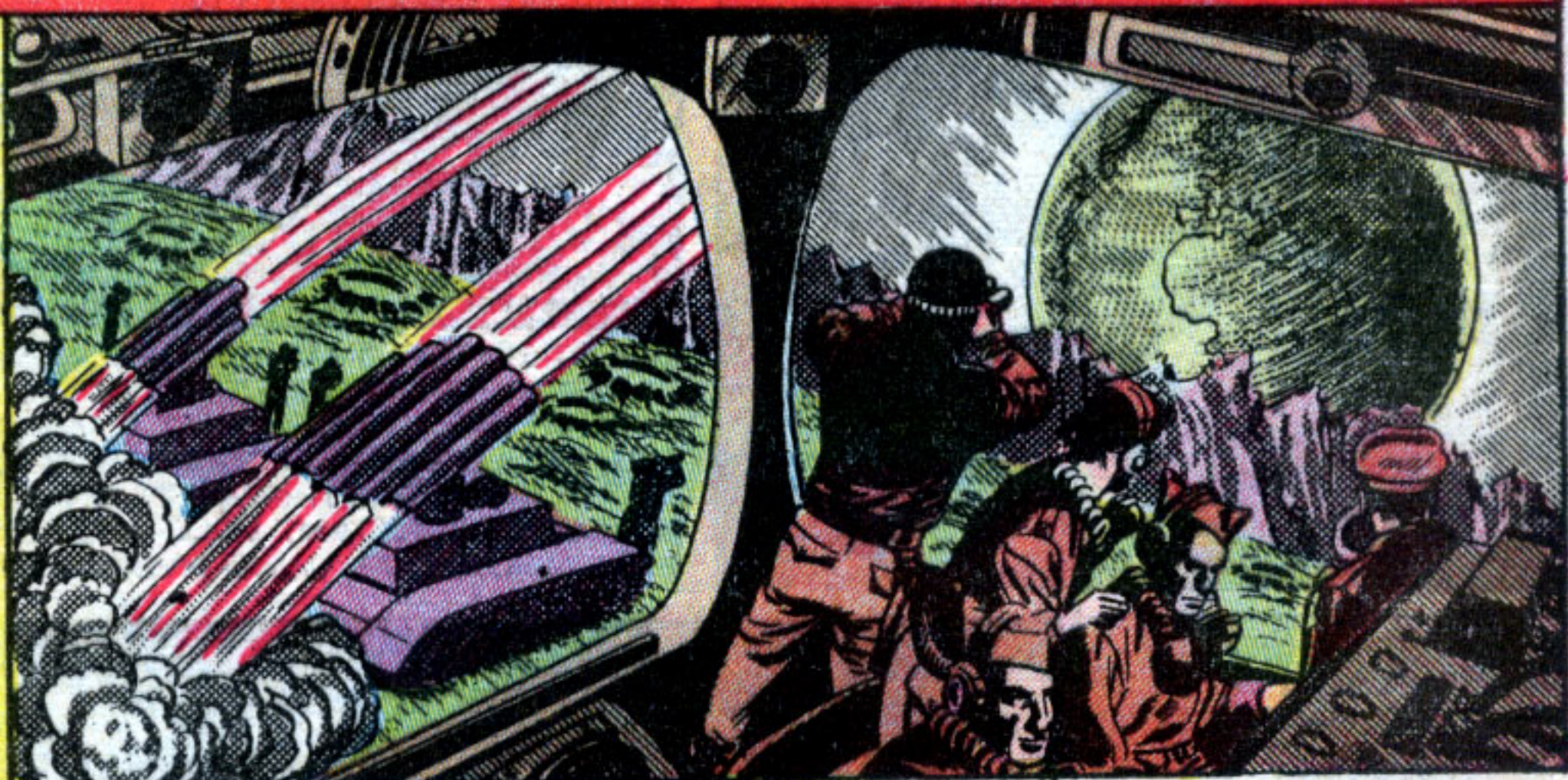


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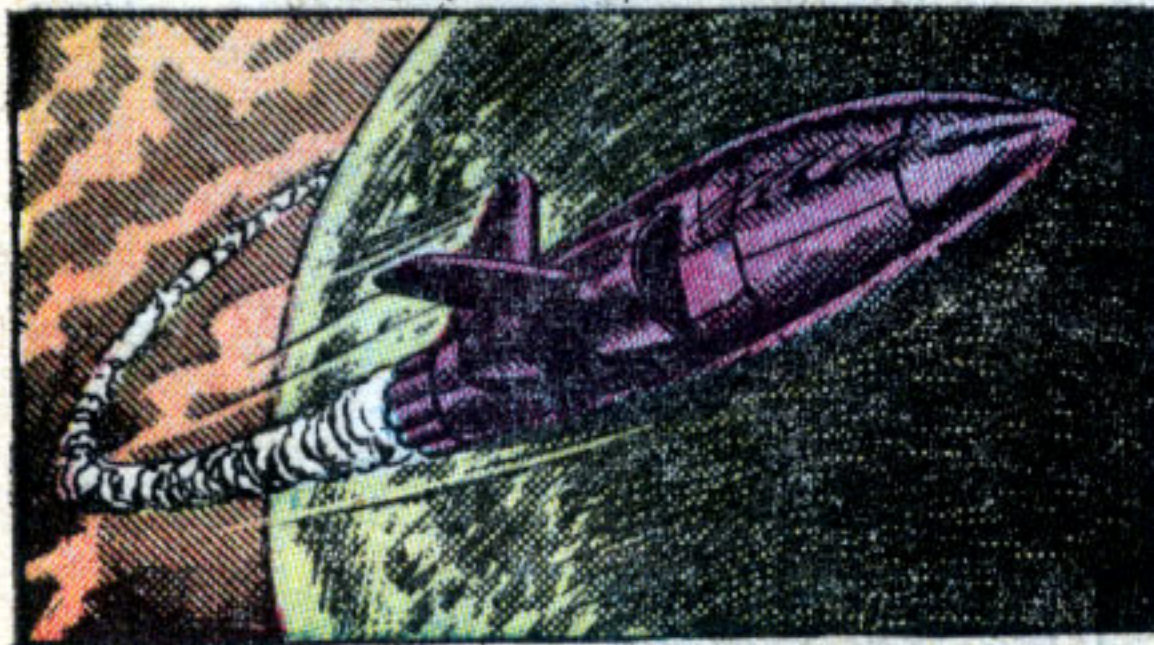
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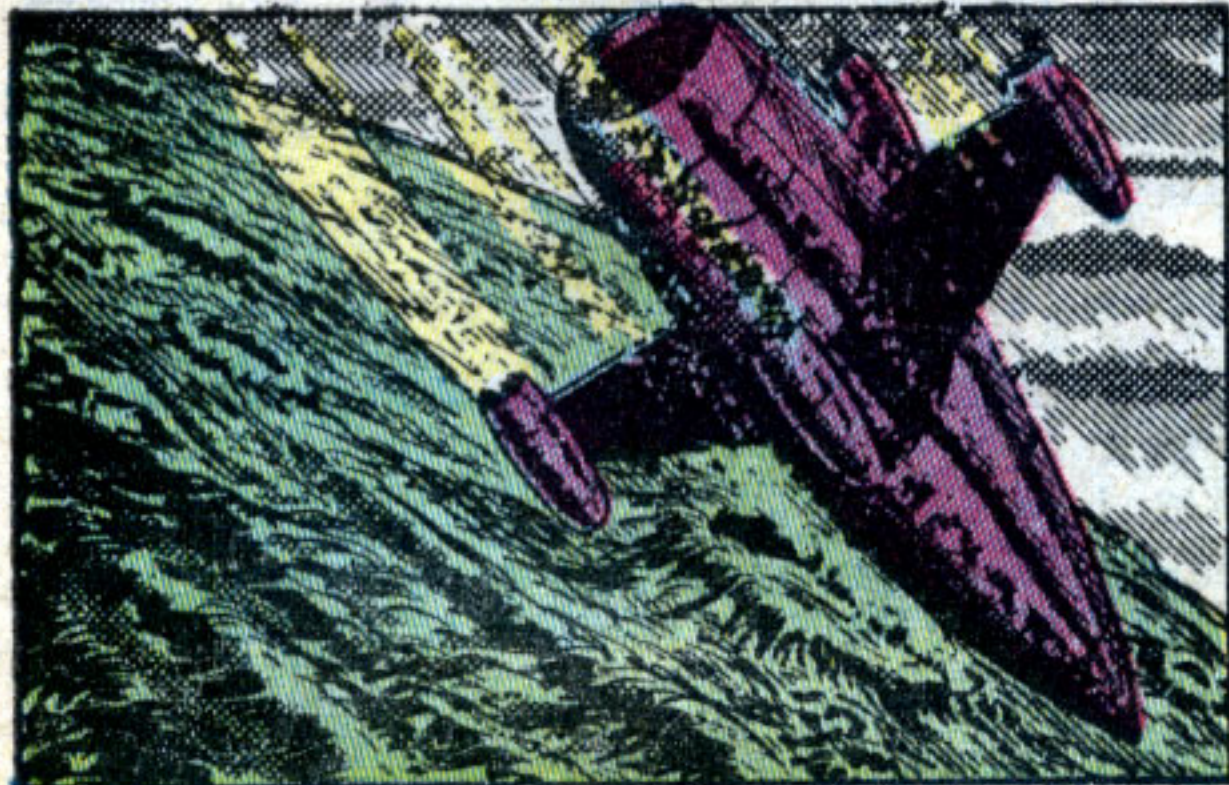
A MOST EFFECTIVE MILITARY BASE WOULD BE THE MOON! FROM THIS POINT ANY SPOT ON EARTH COULD BE OBSERVED AND IF NECESSARY BOMBARD-ED WITH ROCKETS!



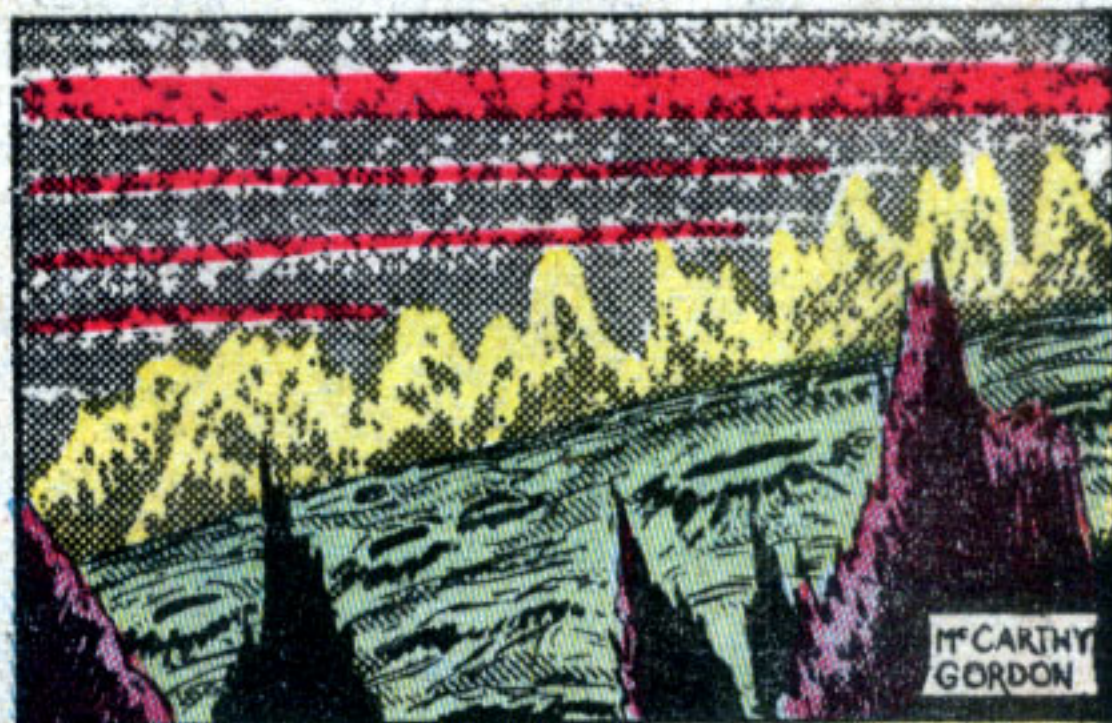
A SPACE SHIP TRAVELING FROM ONE PLANET TO ANOTHER WILL BE OF DIFFERENT DESIGN THAN A SHIP GOING FROM EARTH TO OUTER SPACE! THE INTERPLANETARY SHIP WILL BE ABLE TO USE ATOMIC ENERGY, AND WILL HAVE MUCH GREATER SPEED! IT WILL BE ABLE TO COVER IN DAYS WHAT CURVED ORBIT TRAVEL WOULD COVER IN YEARS!



IS A NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON POSSIBLE AT PRESENT? SCIENTISTS SAY, NO! SUCH A SHIP WOULD BE TOO HEAVY FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES! SCIENTISTS RECOMMEND BUILDING A MOON SHIP AT A SPACE STATION 1075 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH...



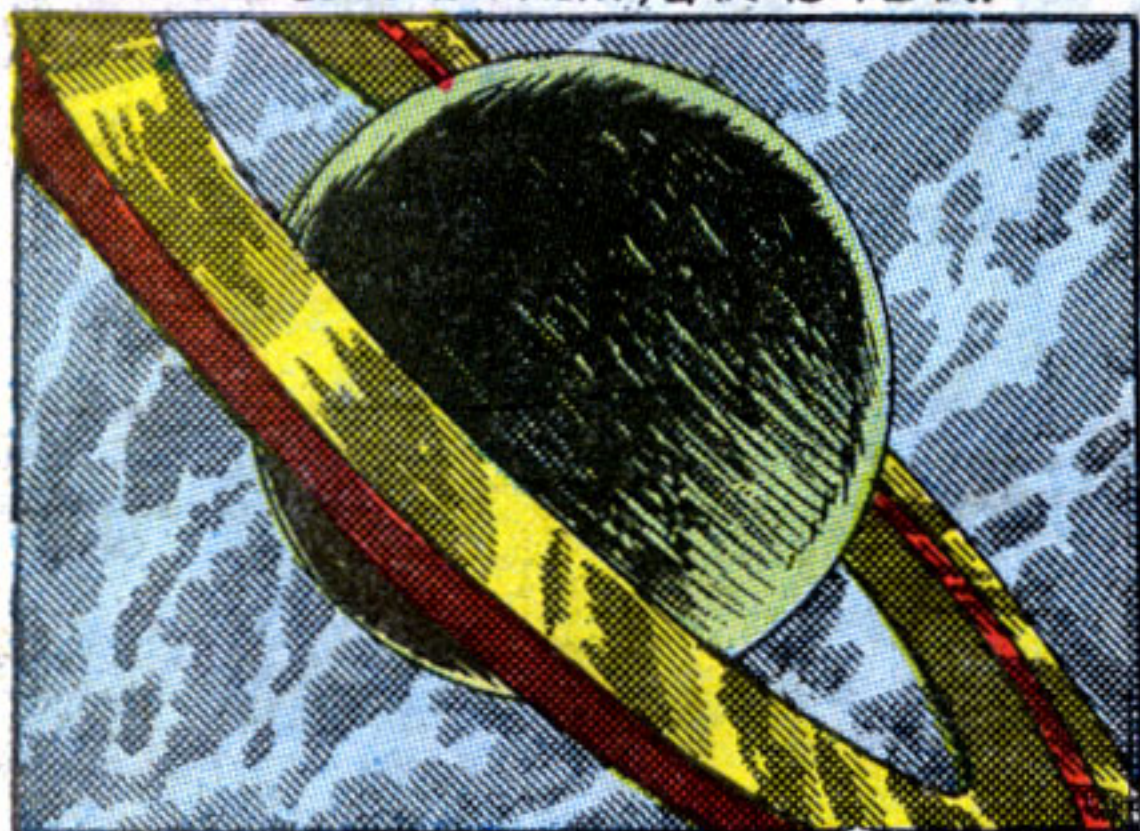
SCIENTISTS PREDICT THAT IN THE NEXT FEW HUNDRED YEARS THE MOON WILL MOVE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE EARTH! WHEN THIS OCCURS THE EARTH'S STRONGER GRAVITATIONAL PULL WILL CAUSE THE EARTH AND MOON TO COLLIDE!



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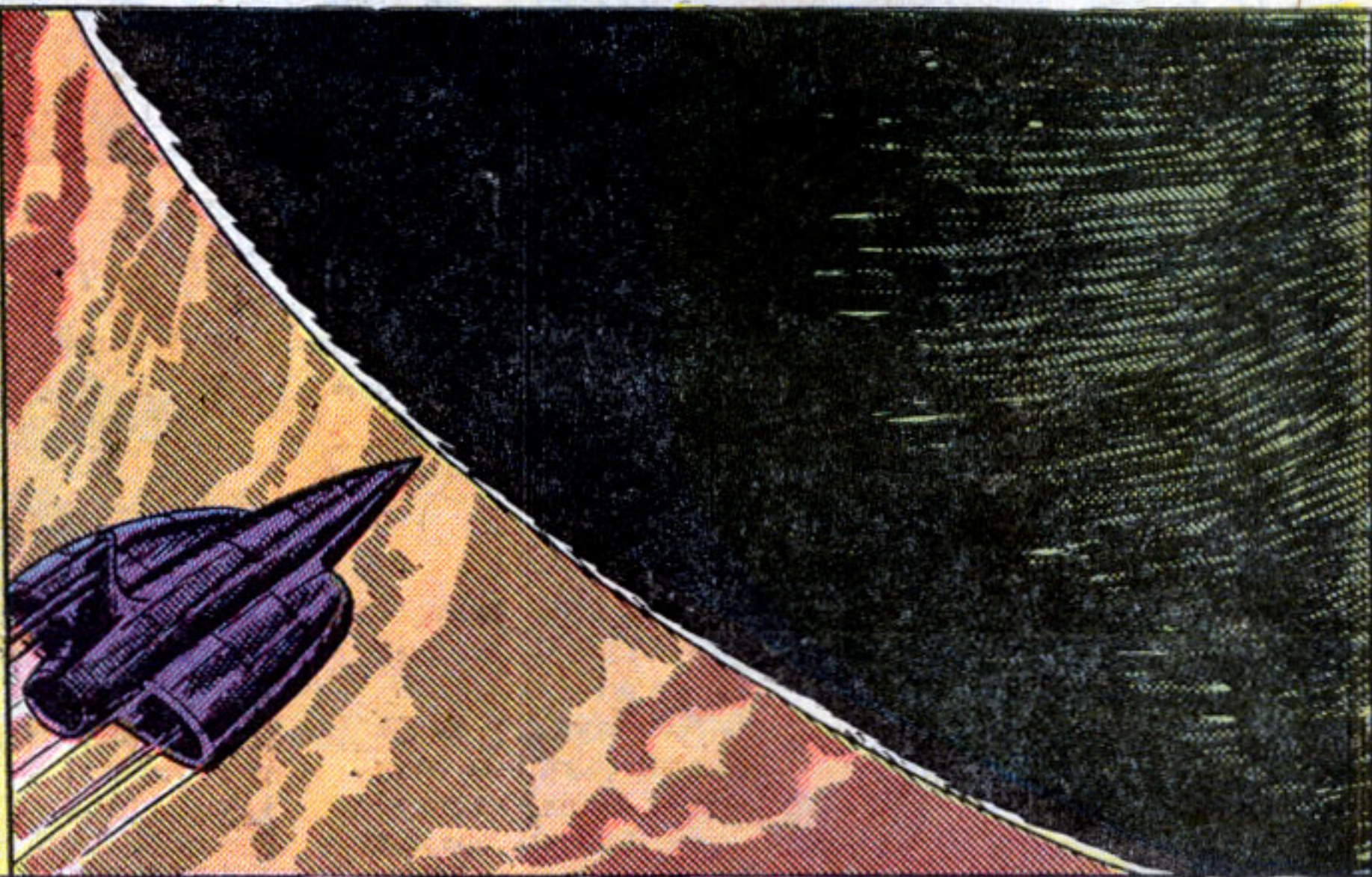
PLUTO IS ABOUT 4,300,000,000 MILES AWAY FROM THE SUN! IT IS THE PLANET FARTHEST FROM THE SUN! MAN PROBABLY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LAND ON PLUTO! THE TEMPERATURE IS ABOUT 460 DEGREES BELOW ZERO! EVERYTHING IS FROZEN SOLID! IT TAKES PLUTO 250 YEARS TO GO AROUND THE SUN!

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL THE PLANETS IS SATURN...MAINLY BECAUSE OF ITS RINGS AND ITS NINE MOONS! THESE RINGS ARE REALLY VERY NARROW BUT THEY CAST LARGE SHADOWS ON SATURN! SATURN IS TECHNICOLOR; APPEARING WHITE, RED, GREEN, AND YELLOW. IT CHANGES COLORS FROM YEAR TO YEAR!

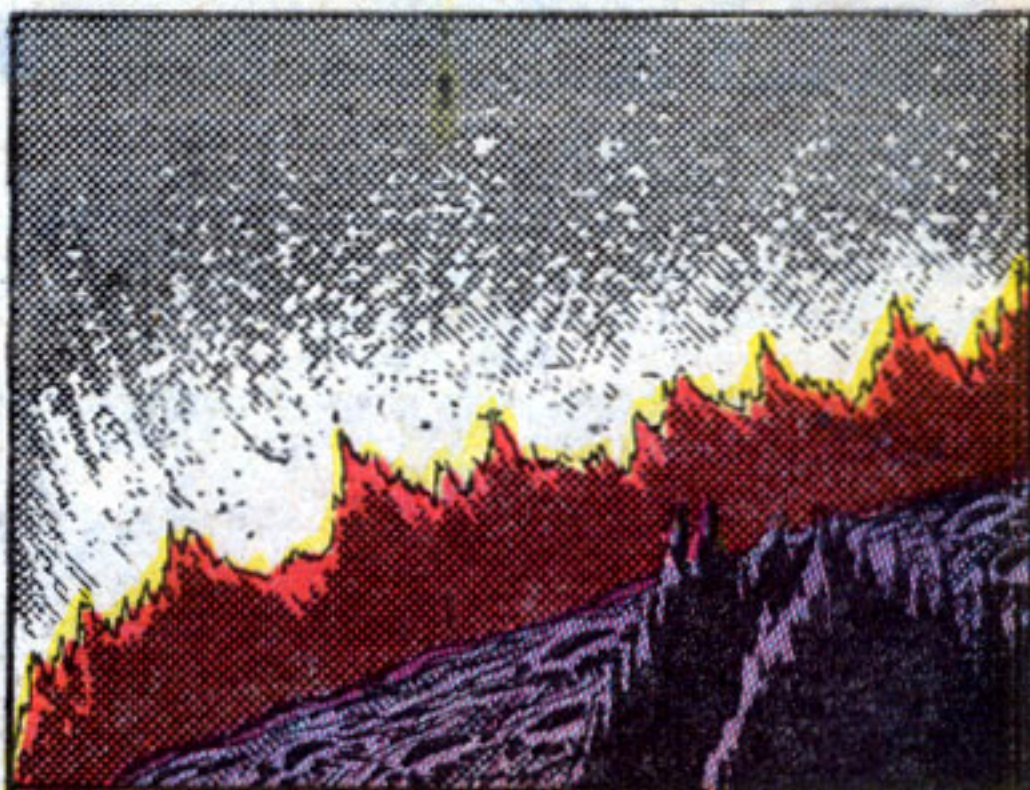
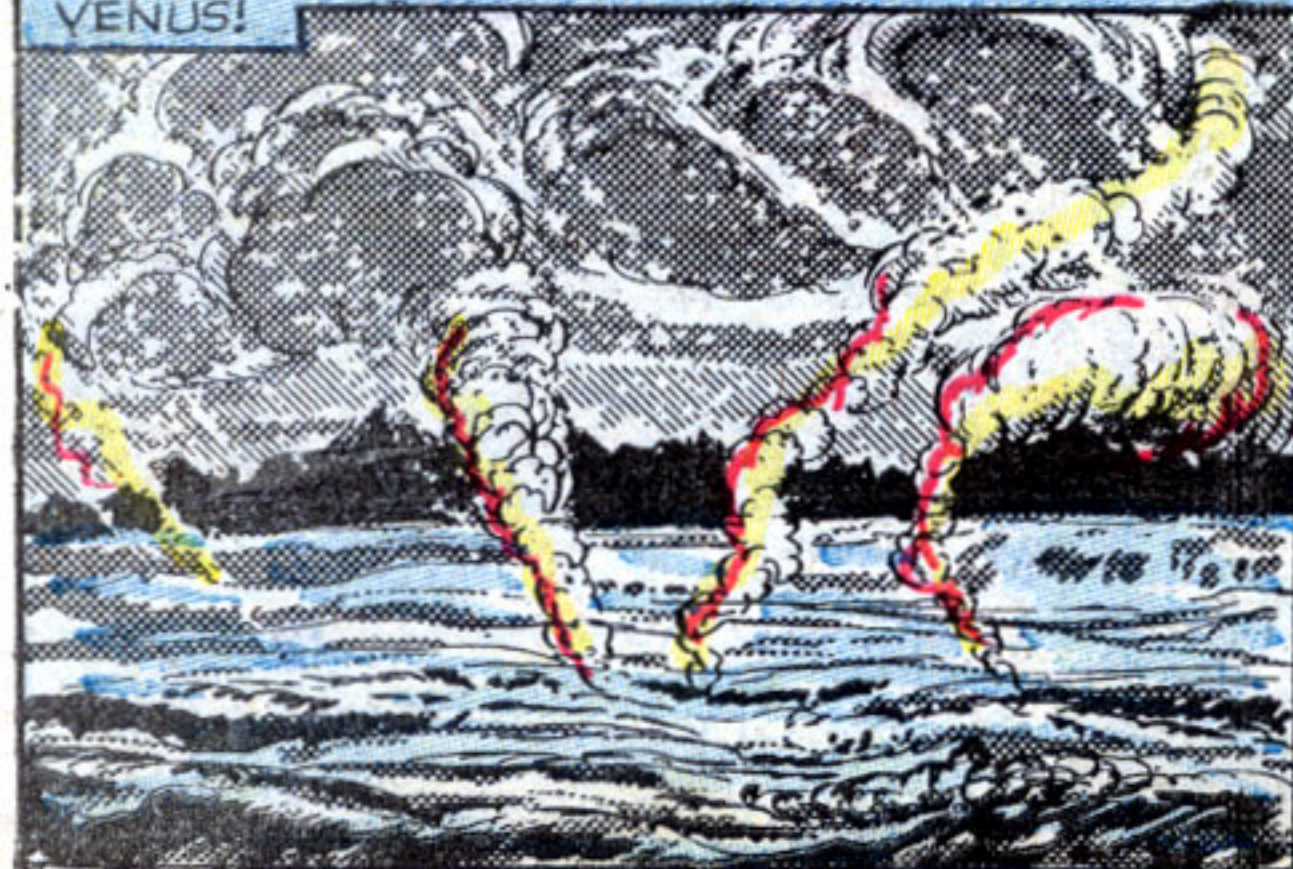


SCIENTISTS FEEL THAT MAN WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REACH JUPITER! THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL AT JUPITER IS SO STRONG THAT A MAN IN A SPACE SHIP WOULD BE CRUSHED AS HE APPROACHED THIS PLANET! FURTHERMORE, ON JUPITER THERE IS ALMOST CONSTANT VOLCANIC ACTION, GLOWING LAVA, AND FLAMING HYDROGEN GAS!

THE MOST TALKED ABOUT PLANET IS MARS! CANALS THERE SEEM TO INDICATE THERE MAY BE LIFE ON MARS! YET, IN GENERAL, MARS IS DYING BECAUSE OF ITS WEAK GRAVITATIONAL PULL! THIS MEANS IT IS LOSING ITS GASES, WATER, AND HEAT! THE GREAT DANGER MAN WOULD FACE IN TRYING TO LAND ON MARS WOULD BE COMPLETE DEHYDRATION—LOSING ALL BODY MOISTURE AND CRACKING IN TWO!



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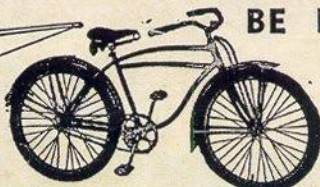
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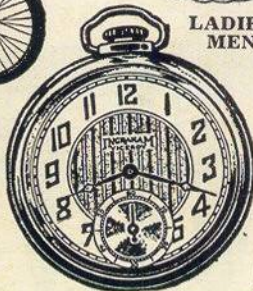
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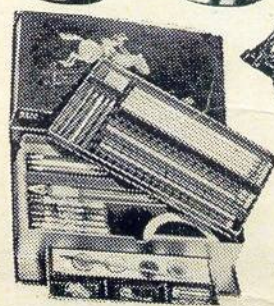
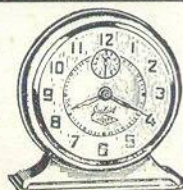


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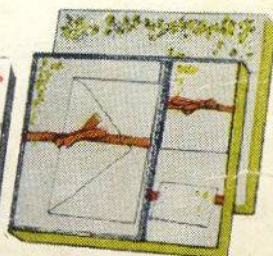
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